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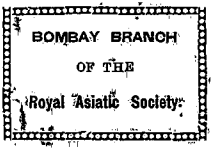

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(1) (*Proem*)

THe double sorwe of Troylus to tellen. 1
That was þe kyng Priamus sone of Troye.
In louynge how hise Auentures fellen.
Fro wo to wele and after out of Ioye. 4
My purpos is er þat I parte froye.
Thesiphone þow helpe me for tendite.
This woful vers I þat wepen as I write. 7

(2) (*Invocation*)

To þe clepe I þow goddesse of torment. 8
Thow cruel furie sorwyng euere yn peyne.
Help me that am the sorwful Instrument.
That helpeth louers as I kan to pleyne. 11
For wel sit it the sothe for to seyne.
A woful wight to han a drery feere.
And to a sorwful tale / a sory cheere. 14

(3)

For I þat god of loues seruaunt; serue. 15
Ne dar to loue for myn vnliklynesse.
Preyen for speed al sholde .I. perfor sterue.
So fer'am [I] fro his help in derkenesse. 18
But natheles if þis may don gladnesse.
Yn to ony louere and his cause-auayle.
Haue he my þank / and myn be his trauayle. 21

[*Harl. MS.* 2280, *Brit. Mus., ab.* 1410-25, *vellum, leaf* 1.]

[*The þ & y are of the same form, tho printed þ & y here.*]

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THe double sorowe of troilus to tellen 1
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Preyen for speed al sholde I þer-fore sterue
So fer I am from his helpe in derkenesse 18
But natheles if þis may done gladnesse
Un to any louere and his cause a-vaylie
Haue he my þonk and myn by þis trauaille 21

[*Out of MS.* Gg. 4. 27, *University Library, Cambridge, the first* 2 *leaves of the* Troilus *have been cut.*]

(4)

But ye loueres þat baþen in gladnesse.
If ony drope of pite in yow be.
Remembre yow on passed heuynesse.
That ye han felt. and on þe aduersite.
Of other folk. and þenketh how þat ye.
Han felt þat loue dorst yow displese.
Or ye han wonne hym with to gret an ese.

(5)

And preyeth for hem þat bēn yn the cas.
Of Troylus as yē may after here.
That loue hym brynge yn heuene to solas.
And ek for me preyeth þ̄ god so dere.
That I haue myght to shewe in som manere.
Swych peyne and wo. as loues. folk endure.
In Troylus vnsely auenture.

(6)

And bydde̅th ek for hem þat ben desespeyred. [leaf 2, back]
In loue / þat neuere nyl recouered be.
And ek for hem þat falsely ben apeyred.
Thorugh wykked tonges be it he or she.
Thus biddeth god for his benignite.
So graunte hem scone out of þis world to pace.
That ben desespeyred out of loues grace.

(7)

And biddeth ek for hem that ben at ese.
That god hem graunte ay goode perseueraunce.
And sende hem myght hire loues for to plese,
That it to loue / be worshiꝑ and plesaunce.
For so hope I my soule best auaunce.
To preye for hem þat loues seruaunt̄ be.
And write hire wo / and lyue in charite.

(4)

¶ But ye louers þat oaþen in gladdenesse
If any drope of̅ pite in yow be
Remembreth yow on passed heuynesse
þat ye han̄ felt and on̄ þe aduersite
Of̅ oþer folk̄ and þenketh how þat ye
Han̄ felt þat loue derste yow displese
Or ye han wonne hym wiþ to grete an ese

(5)

¶ And preyeth for̅ hem þat ben̄ in̄ þe cas
Of Troilus as may after heere
þat Loue hem brynge in heuene to solas
And ek for me preyeth to̅ god so deere
þat I haue mygth to shew in som manere
Swich peyne and wo as loues folk endure
In troilus vnsely aventure

(6)

¶ And byddeþ ek for hem þat ben despeyred
In loue þat neuere nyl recouered be
And ek for hem þat falsly ben a-peyred
þorwgh wikked tonges. be it he or sche
þus byddeþ god for his benignite
So graunte hem sone out of̅ his world to passe
þat ben despeyred ont [of] loues grace

(7)

¶ And byddeþ ek for hem þat ben at ese [leaf 1, back]
þat god hem̄ graunte ay goode perseueraunce
And sende hem myght hire loueres for to plese
þat it to loue be worschip and plesaunce
For so hope I best my soule to auaunce
To preye for hem þat loues seruauntes be
And write hire wo and lyue in cherite

(8)

And for to haue of hem compassioun. 50
As þough I were here owene broþer deere.
Now herkeneth with a goode entencioun.
For now wol I gon streyght to my matere. 53
In whiche ye may the double sorwes here.
Of Troylus in louyng of Criseyde.
And how that she forsok him er she deyde. 56

(9) (*Story*)

IT is wel wist how þat the Grekes stronge. 57
In armes with a þousand shippes went.
To Troyewardes / and þe Cite longe.
Assegeden neigh ten yer er þei stente. 60
And in diuerse wyse and oon entente.
The raueshyng to wreken of Eleyne.
By Parys don þei wroughten al hire peyne. 63

(10)

Now filvit so þat in þe toun þer was. 64
Dwellyng a lord of gret auctorite.
A gret Deuyn þat cleped was Calkas.
That in science so expert was þat he. 67
Knew wel þat Troye sholde destroyed be.
By answere of his god þat high þus.
Daun Phebus or Apollo Delphebus. 70

(11)

So whanne this Calkas knew by Calkulynge. [leaf 8] 71
And ek by answere of this Appollo.
That Grekes sholden swych a peple brynge.
Thorugh which þat Troye moste ben for-do. 74
He caste anoon out of þe town to go.
For wel wyst he by sort þat Troye sholde.
Destroyed ben ye wolde who so nolde. 77

(8)

¶ And for to haue of hem compassyoun 50
As þough I were hire owne broþer deere
Now herkeneth *with* a goode entencioun
For now wol I gone streght to my matere 53
In þe whiche ȝe may double sorwes here
of troilus in louynge of Criseyde
And how þat she for-soke him or sche deyed 56

(9) (*Story*)

¶ It is wele wist how þat þe grekes stronge 57
In armes *with* a thousand shippes wente
To troye wardes and þe cite longe
assegeden nygh ten yer er theye stente 60
And in diuerse wise and oon entente
þe rauysynge to wreken of Eleyne
By paris doun they wroughten al hir peyne 63

(10)

¶ Now fel it so þat in þe town þer was 64
Dwellynge a lord of grete autorite
A grete deuyn þat cleped was calkas
þat in science so expert was þat he 67
Knew wele þat troye sholde destroyed be
By answer of his god þat hyghte þus
Daun phebus or appollo delphicus 70

(11)

¶ So when þis calkas knew by calkulynge 71
And ek by answer of þis appollo
þat grekes sholden swiche a peple brynge
þorwgh whiche þat Troye most ben fordo 74
He cast o non out of þe town to go
For wel west he by soȝt þat troye sholde
Destroyed ben. ȝe wold who so nolde 77

[*Cambridge Univ. MS. Gg.* 4. 27, *vellum, ab.* 1425 A.D. *leaf* 14 : *leaves* 12 *and* 13 *have been cut out.*]

(11)

¶ So whan þat kalkas knew be kalkelyng [leaf 14] 71
And ek be answere of þis Appollo
þat Grekys schulde swich a pepele bryng
þorow wheche þat troye muste be for-do 74
he caste anon out of þe toun to go
ffor wel woste he be sort þat Troye schulde
Dystroyed ben ȝe wolde ho so nolde 77

(12)

For which for to departen softely. 78
Took purpos ful þis forknowyng wyse.
And to þe Grekes ost ful pryely.
He stal a noon / and þey in curteys wyse. 81
Hym deden bothen worship and seruyse.
In trust þat he hath konnyng hem to rede.
In euery peril which þat is to drede. 84

(13)

The noyse vp roos whanne it was first aspied. 85
Thorugh al þe town / and generally was spoken.
That Calkas traytor fals fled was and allyed.
With hem of Grece / and casten to ben wroken. 88
On hym þat falsly hadde his faith so broken.
And seyden he and al his kyn at onys.
Ben worthi for to brennen fel and bones. 91

(14)

Now hadde Calkas left in þis meschaunce. 92
Al vnwist of þis fals and wikked dede.
His douhter which þat was in gret penaunce.
For of hire lyf sche was ful sore in drede. 95
As she þat nyst what was best to rede.
For bothe a wydowe was she and allone.
Of ony frend to whom she dorst make hire mone. 98

(15)

Criseyde was þis lady name al right. 99
As to my dome in al Troyes cyte.
Nas noon so faire for-passyng euery wyght.
So angelyk was here natyf beaute. 102
That lyk a þing inmortal semed she.
As doth an heuenysh parfit creature.
That down were sent in scornyng of nature. 105

(12)

¶ For which for to departen softely 78
Took purpos ful þis for-knowynge wyse
And to þe grekes oost ful pryuely
he stal a non / and þei in curtas wyse 81
Hym deden bothen worschipp and seruyse
In truste þat hee hath knowynge him to rede
In euery peril which þat is to drede 84

(13)

¶ þe noyse up rose when it was first aspied [*last*] 85
þorwgh al þe town and generally was spoken
þat calkas traitor fals fled was and allied
with hem of greee and casten to ben wroken 88
on him þat falsly hadde his faith so broken
and sayden þat he and alle his kyn at oones
Ben worþi for to brennen alle fel and bones 91

(14)

¶ Now had calkas left in þis mischaunce 92
Alle vnwiste of þis fals and wikked dede
His douhter which þat was in grete penaunce
For of hir lyf sche was ful sore in drede 95
As sche þat nyst what was best to rede
For boþe a wydew was sche and allone
of any frend to whom sche dorst hir mone 98

(15)

¶ Criseyde was þis lady name al riþth 99
As to my doom in alle troyes cite
was non so fayre for-passynge euery wyght
So aungellyke was hir natif beaute 102
þat lyke a thynge in-mortal semed sche
As doth an heuenysh parfit creature
þat down war sent in scornyng of nature 105

(12)

. . ffor wich to departyn softely 78
Tok purpos ful þis for-knowynge wyse
And to þ' grekys oft ful preuili
He stal a-non & þey in curteys wyse 81
Hym dedyn both worschepe & seruyse
In trust þat he hath knowynge hem to rede
In euery peryl which þat is to drede 84

(13)

¶ þe noyse vp ros whan it was [85
. . . . . *no gap in the MS.*] spokyn
þat calcas traytour field was & alyed
With hem of grece & castyn to ben wrokyn 88
On hym þat hade falsely hys feyt so broke
And seyden þat he & al hys kyn atonys
Ben worþy to brennyn fel & bonys 91

(14)

. . Now hadde calcas lefte in þis myschaunce 92
Onwost of þis false & wekede dede
Hys doughtyr which þat was in gret penaunce
ffor of hyre lyf sche was ful sore in drede 95
As sche þat nyste what was best to rede
ffor boþ' a wedewe was sche & alone
Of oni frend to whom sche durste hyre mone 98

(15)

¶ Cryseyde was þis ladyis name al ryyth 99
As to myn dom in al Troyis cete
Was non so fayr for-passynge euery wyst
So aungelli was hyre natyf beaute 102
þat lyke a þyng inmortal semede sche
As is an heueneliche parfyt creature
þat doun were sent in scornynge of nature 105

(16)

This lady which þat alday herde at ere. [leaf 3, back] 106
Hire fadres shame / his falsnesse / and tresoun.
wel nygh out of here wit for sorwe and fere.
In widewes habit large of samyt broun. 109
On knees she fil byforn Ector a doun.
with pitous voys and tendrely wepynge.
His mercy bad / here selue excusynge. 112

(17)

Now was þis Ector pitous of nature. 113
And saw þat she was sorwfully bigon.
And þat she was so fair a creature.
Of his goodnesse he gladed her anoon. 116
And seyde lat youre fadres treson gon.
Forth with mischaunce / and ye youre self in Ioye.
Dwelleth with vs whil yow good lyst in Troye. 119

(18)

And al thonour þat men may don yow haue. 120
As ferforth as youre fader dwelled here.
Ye shul han and youre body shal men saue.
As fer as I may ought enquere or here. 123
And she hym þonked with ful humble chere.
And ofter wolde and it hadde ben his wylle.
and toke hire leue home / and held hire stille. 126

(19)

And in hire hous she abod with swych meyne. 127
As to hire honour nede was to holde.
And whil she dwelled yn þat Cite.
Kept here estat. and bothe of yong and olde. 130
Ful wel beloued / and wel men of here tolde.
But wheþer þat sche hadde children or noon.
I rede it nought / þerfore I late it goon. 133

(16)

¶ þis lady whiche alday þat herd at ere 106
Hire faderes chame his falsenesse and tresoun
wel neȝgh out of hire witt for sorw and fere
In widewes habit large of samyt broune 109
On knees sche fel by-forne ector a-doune
with pitous vois and tenderly wepynge
his mercy bad hire seluen excusynge. 112

(17)

¶ Nowe was þis ector pitous of nature 113
And sauȝgh þat che was sorowfully bygone
And þat sche was so fayre a creature
Of his godenesse he gladded hire anone 116
And sayde lat ȝoure faderes tresoun gone
forth with mischaunce and ȝourself in Ioye
Dwellyt *with* us whil ȝow goode list in troye 119

(18)

¶ And alle þe honour þat men may don ȝow haue 120
as fer forth as ȝour fader dwelled here
Ȝe schal han and ȝour body schal men saue
as fer as may ouȝght enquere or here 123
And sche him þankked *with* ful humble chere
And ofter wald and it hadde ben his wille
And toke hyre leue and hoom and held hir stille 126

(19)

¶ And in hire house sche abode *with* swhich meyne [lf 2, bk]
As til hire honour neded was to holde
And whil sche was dwellynge in þat cite
Kepte hire astate / and boþe of ȝonge and olde 130
Ful wel by-loued / and wel men of hire tolde
But wheþer þat sche children hadde or non
I rede it noȝgh þer-fore I latt it gone 133

(16)

¶ þis lady whych þat herde alday at ere [leaf 14, back] 106
Hyr faderys schame falsenesse & tresoun
Wol nyh out of hyre wit for sorwe & fere
In wedewys abite blak of samite broun 109
On kneis be-fore ector sche fel adoun
With petous voys and tenderly wepynge
Hys merci bad hyre selue excusynge 112

(17)

. . Now was þis ector petous of nature 113
And say þat sche was sorwefully begon
And þat sche was so fayr a creature
Of his goodnesse he gladede hyre a-non 116
And seyde let ȝoure faderis tresoun [illegible]
fforth *with* myschaunce & ȝe ȝoure self in ioye
Dwellyth *with* vs whil ȝow good lyste in troye 119

(18)

¶ And al þe honour þat men may ȝow don haue 120
As fer forth as ȝoure fadyr dwellede here
Ȝe [1]schal haue & men schal youre body save[1] [1–1 by correction]
As fer as I may ouȝt enquire or here 123
And sche hym þankede *with* ful vmble chere
And oftere wolde ȝif it hadde be his wille
And tok hyre leue & hom & held hyre stille 126

(19)

. . And in hyre hous sche bod *with* swych mene 127
As to honour nede was to holde
And whil sche was dwellynge in þat cete
Kept hire estat & boþe of ȝonge & olde 130
fful wel belouid & wel men of hire tolde
But wheþer sche þat schilderyn hade or non
I rede it not þerfore I lete it gon 133

(20)

The pingis fellen as þei don of werre
Bitwixen hem of Troye and Grekes ofte
For som day boughten they of Troye it derre
And ofte þe Grekes founden no thing softe
The folk of Troye and þus fortune on loft
Add wonder ofte gan hem to weylen bothe
After hire cours / ay whil þei were wrothe

(21)

But how þis town cam to destruccioun
Ne falleth nought to purpos me to telle
[illegible]

(22)

But þough þat Grekes hem of Troye shetten
And hire Cite besegede al a boute
Hire old vsage wolde þei not letten
As for to honoure hire goddes ful devoute
But aldermest yn honour out of doute
Thei hadde a relyk hight Palladion
That was hire tryst a bouen euerichon

(23)

And so bifell whan come was þe tyme
Of Aperil whan clopeð is þe mede
With newe grene of lusti ver þe pryme
And swote smellen floures white and rede
In sondry wyses shewed as I rede
The folk of Troye hire observaunces olde
Palladions feste for to holde

(30)

¶ þe thynges fellen as þai don of werre 134
Bitwixen hem of Troye and grekes ofte
For a day boughten þai of troye it dere
And eft þe grekes founden no þinge softe 137
þe folk of troye and þus fortune on loft
And vnder eft gan hem to wrikken bothe
Aftir hire cours / ay whil þat þai were wrope 140

(21)

¶ But how þis town com to destruccioun 141
Ne falleþ nogth to purpos me to telle
For it were a longe discrecioun
Fro my matere // and 3ow to longe to dwelle 144
But þe troyan geestes as þei telle
In Omer or in dares or in dite
who so þat kan may rede hem as þai write 147

(22)

¶ But though þat grekes hem of troye shetten 148
And hire cite be-seged alle a-boute
Hire old vsage wold þai nogth letten
As for to honour hire goddes ful devoute 151
But aldermost in honour out of doûte
þey had a relyk hest palladioun
þat was hire trist a-bouen euerichoun 154

(23)

¶ And so byfel whan comen was þ^e^ tyme 155
Of aperil whan clopid is þ^e^ mede
With newe grene of lusty veer þe prime
And swote smellen flouris white and rede 158
In sondry wises schewed as I rede
þe folke of troye hire observaunces olde
Palladyons fest for to holde 161

(20)

¶ The þyngis fellin as þey don of werre 134
Be-twixe hem of troye and grekys ofte
flor sum day boughte þe of Troye so derre
And eft þ^e^ Grekis founden nothyng softe 137
þe folk of Troye & þus fortune onloste
And eyþer ost gan hem to weyle bothe
Aftyr hyr cours ay whil þey were wrothe 140

(21)

¶ But how þis toun come to distruxious (*Destruccioun*) 141
Ne fallit not to purpos me to telle
flor it were here a long disgrecious
flor myn matyer & 3ow to louge dwelle 144
But þ^e^ troyan gestis as þey folle
In omere or in dares or in dyte
ho so can may rede hem as þey wryte 147

(22)

. . But þow þat grekys hem of troye schentyn 148
And here cete besegede al aboute
Here olde vsage nolde þey not letten
As for to honoure here god ful devoute 151
But aldermost in honour out of doute
þey haddyn a relike hyzt palladion
þat was here trost a-bowe hem enerychon 154

(23)

¶ And so befel whan comyn was þ^e^ tyme 155
Of aperille whan clopid is þ^e^ mede
With newe grene of lusti ver þ^e^ pryme
And swete smelle flouris whyte & rede 158
In sundery wyse schewede as I rede
þ^e^ folk of troye þ^e^ observaunce olde
Palas dionis feste for to holde 161

(32)

As proude bayard gynneth for to skyppe. 218
Out of þe wey / so priketh hym his corn.
Til he a lassh haue of þe long whippe.
Than þenketht he þough I praunce al by-forn. 221
First yn þe trays ful fat and newe shorn.
Yet am I but an hors and horses lawe.
I moot endure and with my felawes drawe. 224

(33)

So ferd it by þis fers and proud knyght. 225
Though he a worthi kynges sone were.
And wende no þing hadde had swych myght.
A-yens his wil þat sholde his herte dere. 228
yet with a lok his hert wax a fere.
That he þat now was most in pride a-boue.
wax sodeynly most subget vn to loue. 231

(34)

For-þi ensample taketh of þis man. 232
Ye wyse proude and worthi folkes alle.
To scornen loue which þat so soone kan.
The fredom of youre hertes to hym þralle. 235
For euere it was / and euere it shal bifalle.
That loue is he þat alle þing may bynde.
For may no man for-do þe lawe of kynde. 238

(35)

That this be soth hath preued[1] and doth yet. [1 ? MS. d] 239
For this trowe I ye knowen alle or some.
Men reden not þat folk han gretter wit.
Than þei þat han be most with loue y-nome. 242
And strengest folk ben þerwith ouercome.
The worthiest and grettest yn degre.
This was and is / and yet men shal it se. 245

(32)

¶ As proude bayard gynneþ for to skyppe 218
out of þe wey / so prikeþ him his corne
Til he a lassch haue of þe longe whippe
Þan thynkeþ he thoȝgh I praunce al by-forne 221
First in þe trayse ful fat and new shorne
Ȝet am I but an hors and horses lawe
I mote endure and with my feers drawe 224

(33)

¶ So ferd it by þis fiers and proude knyght 225
Thought he a worþi kynges sonne were
And wende no þinge had had swiche myȝt
a-ȝeynis his wille þat schold his hert stiere 228
Þat wiþ a look his wax a feere
Þat he þat now was moost in pride aboue
wax sodeynly most subgit vnto loue 231

(34)

¶ For-þe ensaumple taketh of þis man 232
Ye wise proude and worþi folkes alle
To scornen loue whiche þat so soon kan
Þe fredom of ȝoure hertes to him þralle 235
For euere it was and euere it schal be-falle
Þat loue is he þat alle þinge may bynde
For may no man fordon þe lawe of kynde 238

(35)

¶ Þat þis be sothe haþ proued and doþ ȝett 239
For þis trowe I ȝe knowen alle or some
Men reden þat folk han gretter witte
Þan þei þat haþ ben most wiþ loue ynome 242
And strengest folk ben þer-wiþ ouer-come
Þe worthiest and þe grettest of degree
Þis was and is and ȝett men schal it see 245

(32)

.. As proude bayar[d1] gynnyth for to skyppe 218
Out of þ^e woye so prykyth hym his corne
Tyl a lasche[2] haue of þ^e longe wyppe [1, 2, 3, 4, corrected]
Þanne þynkyth he þow I praunce al a-forn 221
ffyrst in þ^e trays ful fat & newe schorn
Ȝit am I but an hors & horsis lawe
Is ffor[3] tendure and with hyse[4] ferys drawe 224

(33)

¶ So ferde it by þis ferse & proude knyȝt 225
þow he a worþy kyngis sone were
And wende noþyng hadde had swych amyȝt
A-ȝens his will þat schulde his herte stere 228
Ȝit with a lok his herte wex al fere
þat he þat now was most in pryde aboue
Wex sodeynly most subiecht on to loue 231

(34)

.. ffor-þy ensaumple takyt of þis man 232
Ȝe wise proude & wordely folk alle
To skorne loue wheche þat somme can
þ^e fredam of ȝoure hertys to hym þralle 235
ffor euere it was & euere it schal be-falle
þat loue is he þat alle þynge may bynde
ffor may no man for-do þ^e lawe of kynde 238

(35)

¶ þat þis be soþ hath preuyd & doþ ȝit 239
ffor þis trowe I ȝe knowe alle or some
Men redyn not þat folk han grettere wyt
þan þey þat most with loue haþ ben nome 242
And strengest folk han þerwith ben ouercome
þ^e worþiest & grettest of degre
þis was & is & ȝit men schal it se 245

(36)

And trewelych it sit wele to be so. [leaf 5, back] 246
For alderwisest han þer with ben plesed.
And þei þat han ben addermost in wo.
with loue han ben conforted most and esed. 249
And ofte it hath þe cruel herte apesed.
And worthi folk maad worthier of name.
And causen most to dreden vice and shame. 252

(37)

Now sith it may not goodly be withstonde. 253
And is a thyng so vertuous yn kynde.
Refuseth not to loue for to be bonde.
Syn as hym seluen lyst he may yow bynde. 256
The yerde is bet þat bowen wole and wynde.
Than þat / þat brest / and þerfor .I. yow rede.
To folwen hym þat so wel kan yow lede. 259

(38)

But for to tellen forth yn special. 260
Of þis kynges sone of which I tolde.
And letten oþer þing collateral.
Of hym þenk I my tale for to holde. 263
Boþe of his Ioyes and of his cares colde.
And al his werk as touchyng þis matere.
For I it gan I wil þer-to refere. 266

(39)

With-Inne þe temple he went hym forth pleynge. 267
This Troylus and euery wyght aboute.
On þis lady and now on þat lokynge.
where so she were of towne or of with oute. 270
And vp on cas bifel þat þorugh a route.
His eye procede / and so depe it wente.
Til on Criseyde it smot and þere it stente. 273

(36)

¶ And trewliche it sitt wele to be so 246
For alderwysest han þar-wiþ ben plesed
And þai þat han ben aldermost in wo
with loue han ben conforted most and esed 249
And oft it haþ þe cruel herte apesed
And worþi folk made worþier of name
And causeth most to dreden vice and chame 252

(37)

¶ And sith it may not godely ben with-stonde [leaf 4] 253
And is a þinge so vertuous in kynde
Refuseth not to loue for to ben bonde
Syn as him seluen liste he may ȝow bynde 256
þe ȝerde is bet þat bowen wole and wynde
þan þat þat brest / and þer-for I ȝow rede
To folowen him þat so wele kan ȝow lede 259

(38)

¶ But for to tellen forthe in speciale 260
Of þis kynges sone of which I told
And leten oþer þinge collateral
Of hym þenke .I. my tale for to holde 263
Boþe of his Ioie and of his cares colde
And alle his werk as towchynge þis matere
For I it gan .I wol þer-to refeere 266

(39)

¶ with-Inne þe temple he wente him forth pleyinge 267
þis Troylus of euery wyght a-boute
On þis lady and now on þat lokynge
where-so sche were of towne or of with-oute 270
And vp-on cas bifel þat þorwȝ a route
His eyghe pe[illegible]ede and so depe it wente
Til on criseyde it smoot and þer it stente 273

(36)

¶ And treweliche it seyth wel to be so [leaf 16, back] 246
ffor aldyrwysest han *þerwith* ben plesid
And þey þat han ben aldyrmost in woo
With loue han ben most confortid & esed 249
And ofte it haþ þe crewel herte apesid
And worþy folk mad worþiere of name
And caused most to drede vice & schame 252

(37)

. . Now syþe it may not godly be *with*stonde 253
And is a þyng so vertuous & kynde
Refuseþ it not to loue for to be bonde
Syþe as hymself lest he may ȝow bynde 256
þe ȝerde is bet þat bowe wele & wynde
þan þat þat brestyt & þerefore I ȝow rede
To folwyn loue / þat so wel can ȝow lede 259

(38)

¶ But for to tellyn forþe in specyal 260
Of þis kyngis sone / of whych I tolde
And letyn oþere þyngis collatrial.
Of hym þynke .I. myn tale to holde 263
Boþe of hise ioyes / & of hise carys colde
And al his werk / as touchynge þis matere
ffor I it can / wel þerto refere 266

(39)

. . With-inne þe temple he wente hym forth pleyinge 267
þis Troylis of euery wyȝt aboute
On þis ladi & now on þat lokynge
Where sche were in toune or with oute 270
And vp on cas / fel þat þ[illegible] a route
his eyȝen perseydyn / & so depe it wentyn
Tyl on cresseide it smot & þere it stente 273

(40)

And sodeynly he wax þer-with astoned. 274
And [gan] hire bet biholde yn thrifty wyse.
O mercy god þoughte he wher hastow woned,
That art so fair and goodly to deuyse. 277
And þer-with his hert gan to sprede and ryse.
And softe sighed lest men myghte hym here.
And caughte a-yen his firste pleynge chere. 280

(41)

She nas not with the leste of here stature. [leaf 6] 281
But alle here lymes so wel answerynge.
weren to womanhode þat creature.
was neuer lasse mannyssh in semynge. 284
And ek þe pure wyse of here meuynge.
Shewed wel þat men myght yn here gesse.
Honour estat and wommanly noblesse. 287

(42)

To Troylus right wonder wel with alle. 288
Gan for to lyke here menyng and here chere.
which somdel deynous was for she leet falle.
Here look a lite a-side in swych manere. 291
Ascaunces what may I not stonden here.
And after þat here lokyng gan she lyghte.
That neuere þought hym seen so fair a sighte. 294

(43)

And of here look yn hym þer gan to quyken. 295
So gret desir and such affeccioun.
That in his hertes botme gan to stiken.
Of here / his fixe and depe impressioun. 298
And þough he erst hadde poured vp and doun.
He was þo glad his hornes yn to shrynke.
Vnneþes wyst he how to loke or wynke. 301

(40)

¶ And sodeynly he wex þer-with astoned 274
And gan hire bet biholde in thrifty wise
O mercye god thoughte he where hastow woned
þat ert so fair and goodely to deuyse 277
þer-with his hert gan to sprede and ryse
And soft syghed lest men myght him here
And caughte aȝeyn his firste playinge chere 280

(41)

¶ Sche nas not with þe leste of hire stature 281
But alle hire lymes so wele answerynge
weren to womanhode þat creature
Was neuer lesse mannyssh in semynge 284
And ek þe poure wyse of hire menynge
Schewed wele þat men myght in hire gesse
Honor estate / and womanly noblesse 287

(42)

¶ To troylus right wonder wele with alle 288
gan for to like / hire menynge and hire chere
whiche somdele deignous was for sche lete falle
Hire loke a lite a side / in swiche manere 291
ascaunces what may I nat stonden here
And after þat hire lokynge gan sche lyghte
þat neuer thoughte hym seen so goode a sighte 294

(43)

¶ And of hire loke in him þer gan to quyken [lf 4, bk] 295
So grete desire and swhiche affeccioun
þer in his hertes botme gan to stiken
Of his fixe and depe impressioun 298
And thought he erst hadde poured up and donn
He was þo gladde his hornes in to shrynke
Vnnethes wiste he how to loke or wynke 301

(40)

. . And sodeynly he wex *þerwith* astonyd 274
And gan bet hire biholde / in *þryfty* wyse
O merci god *þouȝte* he / where hast *þou* wonyd
þat art so fayr & so godli to deuyse 277
þerwyt his herte gan to sprede & ryse
And softe he sykyd lest men myȝte hym here
And cauȝte a-ȝyn his forme pleynynge chere 280

(41)

¶ Sche was not *with* þ^e leste of stature [leaf 17] 281
But alle hyre lemys so wel answerynge
Where to woman-hode *þat* creature
Nas neuere lasse namely in semynge 284
And ek þ^e pore wyse of hire menyng
Schewede wel *þat* men myȝtyn in-hyre gesse
Honour estat wommanly noblesse 287

(42)

. . þo troylys wondyr wel *with* alle 288
Gan for to like hyre menynge & hyre chere
Wych *sumdel* deynous was for sche let falle
Hyre lok a lytil and seyde in swych manere 291
Aschaunis may I not stonde here
And aftyr *þat* hyre lokynge gan sche lyȝth
þat neuere *þoughte* him sen so good a syȝth 294

(43)

¶ And of hyre lok in hym *þere* gan to quoken 295
So gret desyr & swych affeccyoun
þat in his herte botemе gan to quekyn
Of hyre his fyx & depe enpressioun 298
And þow he erst hade pourede vp & doun
He was þ^e glad hise hornys in to schrynke
Vnneþe woste he to loke or[1] wynke [1 a later to stuck in] 301

(44)

Lo he þat leet hym seluen so konnynge. 302
And scorned hem þat loues peynes dryen.
was ful vnwar þat loue hadde his dwellynge.
with-Inne þe subtile stremes of here eyen. 305
That sodeynly hym þoughte þat he sholde dyen.
Right with hire look þe spirit yn herte.
Blyssyd be loue þat kan þus folk conuerte. 308

(45)

She þis in blak lykynge to Troylus. 309
Ouer al þyng he stood to byholde.
Ne his desir ne whefor he stod þus.
He neiþer chere ne made ne word tolde. 312
But from a fer his maner for to holde.
On oþer þing his look som tyme he caste.
And eft on here while þat þe seruise laste. 315

(46)

And after this not fullyche al a-whaped. 316
Out of þe temple al esilyche he wente.
Repentynge hym þat he hadde euere y-laped.
Of loues folk. lest fully þe descente. 319
Of scorn fille on hym self. but what he mente.
Lyst it were wyst on ony maner side.
His wo he gan dissimulen and hide. 322

(47)

Whan he was fro þe temple þus departed. 323
He streyght anoon / vn to his paleys turneth.
Right with here look þurgh shoten & þurgh darted.
Al feyneth he yn lust þat he soiorneth. 326
And al his speche and cher also he borneth.
And ay of loues seruantz euery while.
Hym-self to wre at hem her gan to smyle. 329

(44)

¶ Loo he þat lete hym seluen so konnynge 302
And scorned hym þat loues peynes dryen
was ful vnwar þat loue hadde his dwellynge
with-inne þe subtile stremes of hir eyen 305
þat so-deynly hym thoughte he felt deyen
Ryght with hire loke þe spirit in his herte
Blissed be loue þat þus kan folk conuerte 308

(45)

¶ Sche þis in blake likynge to troylus 309
Ouer alle þinge he stode for to beholde
Ne his desire ne wher-for he stode þus
He neyther chere made ne worde tolde 312
But fram a-fer his manere for to hold
On oþer þinge his loke som tyme he caste
And oft on hire while þat seruise laste 315

(46)

¶ And after þis nat fulliche alle awhaped 316
Out of þe temple alle esiliche he wente
Repentynge him þat he hadde euer I-laped
Of loues folke lest fully the descente 319
Of scorne / fille on hym self but what he mente
lest it were wiste on any maner syde
His wo he gan dissimilen and hyde 322

(47)

¶ when he was fro þe temple þus departed 323
He streght anon vn-to his paleys torneth
Right with hire loke þorwh schoten and þorwh darted
Al feyneþ he in lust þat he sciorneth 326
And al his chere and speche al so he borneth
And ay of louës seruantes euery while
Him self to wrie at hem he gan to smile 329

(44)

Lo hym þat let hym seluen so kunnynge 302
And scornede hem þat louys peynys dryen
Was ful on-war þat loue hade his dwellynge
With-inne þ^e subtyl stremys of hyre eyȝen 305
þat sodeynly hym þouȝte for to deyen
Ryȝt with hyre lok þ^e spryt of his herte
Blessed be loue þat þus folk can conuerte 308

(45)

¶ Sche þis in blak lokynge to Troylys 309
Ouer alle þynge stod for to beholde
Ne his desyr ne war for he[1] stod þus [1 corrected]
He neyþer schyr made ne word tolde 312
But from affer his maner for to holde
On oþer þyng sumtyme his lok he caste
And eft on hyre whilys þat seruyse laste 315

(46)

¶ And aftyr þis not fully alle askapide [leaf 17; back] 316
Out^of þ^e temple al eselyche-he-wente
Repentynge hym þat euere he iapide
Of louys folk lest fully þe descente 319
Of schorn fel on hym selfe but what he ment
Lest his were wyst on ony manere syde
Hys wo he gan dissymylyn & seyde 322

(47)

whan he was þus from þ^e temple departid 323
He styrte a-non vp to þ^e paleys turnyth
Ryȝt with hyre lok þour-schotyn & þour-dartyd
Al feynyþ he in lust þat þe sciournyth 326
And al his chyr & speche also he bornyth
And ay of louys seruauntys euery whyle
Hym self to wrybe at hym self gan to smyle 329

(48)

And seyde lord so ye lyue al yn lyst. 330
Ye loueres / for þe konnyngest of yow.
That serueth most ententiflych and best.
Hym tyt as often harme þer-of as prow. 333
Youre hire is quyt a-yeyn ye god wot how.
Nought wel for wel. but scorn for good seruice.
In feith youre ordre is ruled in good wyse. 336

(49)

I noun certeyn ben alle youre obseruaunces. 337
But it a sely fewe poyntes be.
Ne no þing asketh so grete attendaunces.
As doth youre lay and þat knowe alle ye. 340
But þat is not þe worste as mot I the.
But tolde I yow þe worste poynt I leue.
Al seyde I soth ye wolden at me greue. 343

(50)

But tak þis þat ye loueres ofte eschuwe. 344
Or elles don of good entencioun.
Ful ofte þi lady wole it mys construe.
And deme it harm yn hire opinyoun. 347
And yet yf she for other enchesoun.
Be wroth þan shalt þow han a groyn a-noon.
Lord wel is hym þat may be of yow oon. 350

(51)

But for al þis whanne he say his tyme. [leaf 7] 351
He held his pes noon oþer bote hym gayned.
For loue bygan his fetheres so to lyme.
That wel vnneþe vn-to his folk he feyned. 354
That oþere besye nedes hym destrayned.
For wo was hym þat what to done he nyste.
But bad his folk to gon wher þat hym lyste. 357

(48)

¶ And seyde lorde so ye lyue al in leste 330
Ye louers / for þe konnyngest of ȝow
þat seruеþ most ententifliche and best
Him tit als often harme þer-of as prowe 333
Ȝour hire is quyt aȝeyn ye god wote howe
Nought wel for wel but scorn for gode *seruise*
In feithe ȝowr ordre is ruled in gode wyse. 336

(49)

¶ In non certeyn ben alle ȝoure obseruaunces [leaf 5] 337
But it a sely fewe poyntes be
Ne no þinge asketh so grete attendaunces
As doþ your lay and þat know alle ȝe 340
But þat is not þe werste as mote I the
But tolde I ȝow þe werste poynt I leeue
Al seyde I soth ȝe wolden at me greue 343

(50)

¶ But take þis þat ȝe loueres oft eschewe 344
Or elles don of goode entencioun
Ful oft þi lady wol it misconstrewe
And deme it harme in hyr opinioun 347
And ȝit if sche for oþer encheson
Be wroth / þan schal þow haue a groyn onon
lord wele is hym / þat may be of ȝow one 350

(51)

¶ But for al þis when he sey his tyme 351
He held his pees non oþer boote him gayned
For loue bigan his feþeres so to lyme
That wel vnnethe vn-til his folk he fayned 354
þat other besye nedes him destrayned
For wo was him þat what to don he nyste
But bad his folk to gon wher þat hem liste 357

(48)

¶ And seyde lord so-ȝe loue al in [1] rest [1 r corrected] 330
Ȝe loueris for þ^e kunnyngest of ȝow
þat seruyth most ententifully & best
Hym tyt as ofte harm *þer*of as prow 333
Ȝoure hyre is quyt aȝen god wot how
Not wel for *þey wil* schorne for good seruyse
Yn fay ȝoure ordere is rewelyd in good wyse 336

(49)

. . In veyn sertayn ben alle ȝoure obseruauncis 337
But ȝif it / a fewe poyntis be
Ne no þyng askyth so gret intendauncis
As doþ ȝoure lay as knowyn alle ȝe 340
But is not þ^e werste so mot I þe
But tolde I ȝow þ^e werste poynt I leue
Al seyde I soþ ȝe wolde at me greue 343

(50)

¶ But þis *þat* ȝe loueris ofte eschewe 344
Or ellis don of good entencioun
fful ofte þyn lady wil it mysconstrewe
And deme it harm by hyre opinyoun 347
And ȝit ȝif sche for oþir entencioun
Be wroþ þan / that þou han a groyn a non
Now wel is hym *þat* may ben of ȝow on 350

(51)

¶ But for al *þis* whan *þat* he say his tyme [leaf 18] 351
He held his pes non *oþere* bote *him* gayned
ffor loue he gan hyse federis so to lyme
þat wel onneþe on-tyl his folk he faynid 354
þat oþere busy nedis hym destreyned
ffor wo was hym *þat* what to done he nyst
But bad hyse folk to gon where hem lyst 357

(52)

And whan þat he yn chaumbre was allone.
He down vp on his beddes feet hym sette.
And first he gan to syke and to grone.
And þoughte ay on here so with-outen ony lette.
That as he sat and wok his spirit mette.
That he here saw a temple and al þe wyse.
Right of hire loke / and gan it newe auyse.

(53)

Thus gan he make a myrrour of his mynde.
In which he saugh alle holly hire figure.
And that he wel koude yn his herte fynde.
It was to him a right good auenturé.
To loue swych on and yf he dede his cure.
To seruen here yet myght he falle in grace.
Or elles for on of hire seruaunt pace.

(54)

Ymaginynge þat trauaylle nor grame.
Ne myghte for so goodly on be lorn.
As she ne hym for his desir ne shame.
Al were it wist but yn prys and vp born.
Of alle louers wel more þan byforn.
Thus argumented he yn his gynnynge.
Ful vnauysed of his wo comynge.

(55)

Thus toke he purpos loues craft to suwe.
And þoughte he wolde werken priuely.
First to hide his desir yn muwe.
From euery wyght y-born al outrely.
But he myght ought recouered be perby.
Remembryng hym þat loue to wyde y-blowe.
Yelt bittre fruyt þough swete be sowe.

(52)

¶ And when þat he in chaumber was allon
He down vp-on his beddes feet him sette
And first he gan to syke and eft to grone
And thoughte ay on hire so wip-outen lette
þat as he satt and woke his spirit mette
þat he here saugh and temple and al þ° wyse
Right of hire loke and gan it new a-uise

(53)

¶ þus gan he make a mirour of his mynde
In whiche he saugh alle holly hire figure
And þat he wel kouth in his hert fynde
It was to him ryght a goode auenture
To loue swhich oon and if he dydde his cure
To seruen hire 3et myȝt he falle in grace
Or elles for oon of hir seruauntes pace

(54)

¶ Ymaginynge þat trauaille nor grame
Ne myȝt for so goodely one be lorne
As she ne him for his desire no shame
Al were it wiste but in pris and vp borne
of alle louers wele more þan byforne
þus argumentede he in hijs gynnynge
Ful vnauised of his wo comynge

(55)

¶ þus toke he purpos loues craft to suwe [leaf 8, back]
And thought he wold wyrkyn prively
First to hiden his desire in muwe
From euery wyght yborne alle outrely
But he myght aught recouered be þerby
Remembrynge him þat loue to wyde yblowe
3elt better fruyt thouge swete sede be sawe

(52)

. . And whan þat he was in chambere a-lone
He doun vp on his bedis fet hym sette
And fyrst he gan to sike & eft to grone
And þoughte so ay on hire with-oute lette
þat as he sat & wok his spyrit mette
þat he hire saw & temple & al þ° wyse
Ryȝt of hire lok & gan it newe avyse

(53)

¶ þus gan he make a myrour of his mynde
In wich he say al holly hire figure
And þat wel he coude in his herte fynde
It was to hym riȝt a good auenture
To loue swychon & 3if he dede his cure
To seruyn hyre ȝit myȝte he fallyn in grace
Or ellis for on of hyre seruauntis pace

(54)

. . Imagenynge þat neyþer trauayle nor gaine
Ne myȝte for so godli on ben lorn
As sche ne hym for his desyr ne schame
Al were it wyst but in preya & vp born
Of alle loueris wel more þan by-forn
þus argumentid he in his gynnynge
fful on-avised of hise wocomynge

(55)

¶ þus tok he purpos louys craft to schewe
And seyde he wolde worschepe preuyly
fyrst to hydyn his desyr in mewe
From euery wyȝt I-born al vttyrly
But he myȝt ouȝt recouered be þerby
Remembrynge hym þat loue to wyde I-blowe
3ildyth bittere freut þow swete seed be sowe

(56)

And ouer all þis yet muche more he þoughte. [lf 7, bk] 386
For what to speken and what to holden Inne.
And what to arten hire hire to loue he soughte.
And on a song a-noon right to bygynne. 389
And gan loude on his sorwe for to wynne.
For wiþ good hope he gan fully assente.
Criseyde for to loue and nought repente. 392

(57)

And of his song nought only þe sentence. 393
As writ my Auctor called Lollyus.
But pleynly saue oure tonge deference.
I dar wel sayn yn al þat Troylus. 396
Seyde yn his song / lo euery word right þus.
As I shal seyn. and who lyst it to hire.
Lo nexst þis vers he may it fynden here. 399

(58) (*Troilus's Song, from Petrarch's 88th Sonnet.*)

Yf loue is o god what fele I so. 400
And if loue is what þyng and what is he.
yf loue be good from whens cometh my wo.
If it be wykke a wonder þenketh me. 403
whenne euery torment and aduersite.
That cometh of hym may me so goodly þynke.
For ay þurst I þe more þat I it drynke. 406

(59) (*From Petrarch.*)

And yf þat at myn owene lust I brenne. 407
Fro whennes cometh my walyng and my pleynte.
If harme agree me wher-to pleyne I þanne.
I not. ne whi vnweri þat I feynte. 410
O quyke deth o swete harme so queynte.
How may of [þe] yn me swiche quantite.
But if þat I consente þat it so be. 413

(56)

¶ And ouer al þis ȝet muchel more he þouȝt 386
what for to speke and what to holden Inne.
And what artu hire to loue he soughte
And on a songe a-non ryght to bigynne 389
And gan loude on his sorwe for to wynne
For wiþ goode hope he gan fully assente
Cryseyde for to loue and nought repent 392

(57)

¶ And of his songe nought only þe sentence 393
As write myn autour called lollius
But pleynly saue oure tonges difference
I dar wel seyn in alle þat troylus 396
Seyde in his songe lo euery word right þus
As I sal seyn and whoso liste it here
Lo next þis vers he may it fynde here 399

(58) (*From Petrarch.*) // cantus troili

¶ If no loue is o god what fele I so 400
And if loue is what þinge and whiche is he
If loue be gode from whennes comþ my wo
If it be wykke a wonder thynketh me 403
whenne euery torment and aduersite
þat cometh of him may to me sauory thynke
For ay thirst I þe more þat iche it drynke 406

(59) (*From Petrarch.*)

¶ And if þat at myn owne lust I brenne 407
From whennes cometh my wailynge and my pleynte
If harme agree me I where-to pleyne I thenne
I noot / ne why vnworþi þat I feynte 410
O quyk deth o swete harme so queynte
How may of þe in me swhiche quantite
But if þat I consente þat it be 413

(56)

¶ And ouer al þis meche more he þouȝte [lsaf 18, back] 386
What for to spek & what to heldyn in
And what for to artyn hire to loue he souȝte
And on a song a-non ryȝt to begyn 389
And gan loude on his sorwe towyn
ffor whiche good hope he gan fully assente
Cresseyde to loue & not forto repente 392

(57)

¶ And of þe song not only þe sentence 393
As wryt myn autour callid lollyous
But pleynly saue oure tungis differens
I dar wel say in al þat troylys 396
Seyde in his song lo euery word riȝt þus
As I schal sayn & ho so leste it here
Lo next þis vers he may it fynde here 399

(58) (*From Petrarch.*) Cantus [*in margin*]

. . ȝif no loue is O god what fele I so 400
And ȝif loue is what þyng & which is he
ȝif loue be good from whennys comyt myn wo
ȝif it be / awondyr þynkyth me 403
whanne euery turnement & aduersite
þat comyth of hym may to me sauery þynke
ffor ay I preste þe more þat I drynke 406

(59) (*From Petrarch.*)

. . And ȝit þat at myn owene lust I brenne 407
ffrom whenys comyth myn wele & myn pleynte
ȝif harm a-gre me I wherto pleyne þenne
I not ne why onwery þat I feynte 410
O quyk deþ O swete harm so queynte
How may of þe in me swych quantite
But ȝif þat I consente / þat it be 413

(60) (*From Petrarch.*)

And if þat I consente .I. wrongfully. 414
Compleyne .I.-wys þus possed to and fro.
Al sterles with-Inne a bot am .I.
A-myd þe see by-twen wyndes two. 417
That yn contrarye stonden euere mo.
Allas what is þis wonder maladye.
For hete of cold for cold of hete I deye. 420

(*End of Troilus's Song from Petrarch's 88th Sonnet.*)

(61)

And to the god of loue þus seyde he. [leaf 8] 421
with pitous voys .o. lord now youres is.
Mi spirit which þat aught youre be.
Yow þank I lord þat han me brought to þis. 424
But wheþer goddesse or womman .I.-wys.
She be / I not which þat ye do me serue.
But as here man .I. wole ay leue and sterue. 427

(62)

Ȝe stonden yn hire eyen myghtily. 428
As yn a place vn-to your vertu digne.
wherfore my lord if my seruyse or .I.
May lyke yow so beth to me benygne. 431
For myn estal royal here I resigne.
In-to hire hond and with ful humble chere.
By-come here man as to my lady dere. 434

(63)

In hym ne deynede sparen blood royal. 435
The fyr of loue þe wherfro god me blysse.
Ne hym forbar in no degre for al.
His vertu or his excellent prowesse. 438
But hold hym as his þral lowe yn distresse.
And brend hym so in sondry wyse ay newe.
That sixty tyme a day he loste his hewe. 441

(60) (*From Petrarch.*)

¶ And if that I consente I wrongefully 414
Compleyne Iwhis þus possed to and fro
Al stierlees with-Inne aboot am I
Amyd þe see betwexen wendes two 417
þat in contrarie standen euer mo
Allas what is þis wonder maladye
For hete of cold for cold of hete I dye 420

(*End of Troilus's Song from Petrarch's 88th Sonnet.*)

(61)

¶ And to þe god of loue þus seyde he [leaf 8] 421
with pitous uois o lord now ȝours is
Mi spirit whiche auȝght ȝours be
Ȝow þanke I lord þat haue me brought to þis 424
But wheþer goddesse or womman Iwys
She be I not / which þat ȝe do me serue
But as hire man I wol ay lyue and sterue 427

(62)

¶ Ȝe stonden in hire eyen miȝtyly 428
As in a place vn-to ȝour vertu digne
wher-for lord If my seruise or I.
May liken ȝow so beth to me benigne 431
For myn estate roial here I resigne
In to hire hond and with ful humble chere
By-come hire man as to my lady dere 434

(63)

¶ In hym ne deyned sparen blode roial 435
þe fir of loue / ye wher-fro god me blisse
Ne him for-bar in no degre for al
His vertue or his excellent prowesse 438
But held hym as his þralle low in destresse
And brinde hym so in sondry wyse ay newe
þat sexty tyme a day he lost his hewe 441

(60) (*From Petrarch.*)

¶ And ȝif þat I consente / I wrongfully 414
Compleyne I-wis þus possed to & fro
As stereles wyȝt in a bot am I
Amyde þe se be-twexe wyndis too 417
þat in contrayre stondyn euere mo
Allas what þis wondyr maladye
ffor cold of hete for hete of cold I. deye 420

(*End of Troilus's Song from Petrarch's 88th Sonnet.*)

(61)

¶ And to þe god of loue þus seyde he [leaf 19] 421
With petous voyce a lord now ȝoure is
Myn spyryt þe wheche þat auȝte ȝoure be
Ȝow þanke I lord þat broute me to þis 424
But wheþer goddes or woman I.-wys
I not wych þat ȝe don me serue
But as hyre man I wolde ay lyue & sterue 427

(62)

.. Ȝe stondyn in hyre eyȝen myȝtily 428
As in a place on-to ȝore vertu dygne
Wherefore lord ȝif myn seruyse or I
May lykyn ȝow so beþ to me benygne 431
ffor myn estat / ryal I resyne[1] [1 resyne corrected]
In to hyre hond & with ful vmble chere
Be-come hyre man as to myn lady dere 434

(63)

¶ In hym ne deyned to spare blod ryal 435
þe fyr of loue wherefrom[2] god me blys [2 corrected]
Ne hym forbar in no degre of alle
Hys vertu or his excellent prowesse 438
But helde hym as his þral lowe in distresse
And brende hym so / in sundery wyse ay newe
þat sexty tyme a day he loste his hewe 441

(72)

But þanne felt þis Troylus such wo.
That he was wel neih wood for ay his drede.
was this. þat she som wyght hadde loued so.
That neuere of hym she wolde haue taken hede.
For such hym bought he felt his herte blede.
Ne of his wo ne dorst he not bygynne.
To tellen it. for al þis world to wynne.

(73)

But whanne he hadde a space fro his care.
Thus to hym self-ful ofte he gan to pleyne.
He sayde o fool now art þow yn þe snare.
That whilom Iapedest at loues peyne.
Now artow hent now gnaw þin owene cheyne.
Thow were ay wont eche louere reprehende.
Of þing fro which þow kanst þe nought defende.

(74)

What wole now euery louer seyn of þe.
If þis be wist but euere yn thyn absence.
Laughen yn skorn and seyn lo þere gooth he.
That is þe man of so gret sapience.
That held vs loueres lest yn reuerence.
Now thonked be god he may goon in þe daunce.
Of hem þat loue lyst febely for to auaunce.

(75)

But .o. þow woful Troylus god wolde.
Syn þow most leue þurgh þy destene.
That þow beset were on swych oon þat sholde.
Knowe al þi wo al lakkede here pite.
But al so cold yn loue towardes þe.
Thi lady is / as frost yn wynter mone.
And þow fordon as snow yn fyr is soone.

(72)

¶ But þan felt þis troilus swiche wo
Þat he was wel nyghe wode for ay his drede
was þis þat sche som wyght hadde loued so
Þat neuer of him she wold haue taken hede
For whiche him þought he felt his hert blede
No of his wo ne dorst he nat by-gynne
to tellen hire / for al þis world to wynne

(73)

¶ But when he hadde a space from his care [leaf 7]
Þus to him self-ful oft he gan to pleyne
He sayd o fool now artow in þe sware
Þat whilom Iapedest at loues peyne
Now artow hent now gnawe þin own cheyne
Þow were ay wont eche louere reprehende
Of þingh fro which þow kanst þe nat defende

(74)

¶ what wol now euery louer seyn of þe
If þis be wiste / but euere in þin absence
Laughen in scorne / and seyn loo þer goþe he
Þat is man of so grete sapience
and held vs louers leest in reuerence
Now thanked god he may gone in þe daunce
of him þat loue liste febly for tauaunce

(75)

¶ But o þow woful troilus god wolde
Seth þow most louen þorw; þi desteyne
Þat þow by-sette were on swich on þat sholde
know al þi wo al lakked hire pite
But also colde in loue Towardes þe
Þi lady is / as froost in wynter mone.
And þow for-doon as snowe in fire is soone

(72)

.. But þanne fel to þis troylys so mache wo
Þat he was wol nyght wod. for ay his drede
Was þis þat sche / sum wyȝt hade louyd so
Þat neuere of hym sche wolde a takyn hede
for þat cause he þouȝte his herte blede
Ne of his wo ne durste he not begynne
To telle hyre for al þis world to wynne

(73)

¶ But whanne he hadde a space from his care
Þus tyl hym self ful ofte he gan to pleyne
He seyde O fol art þou now in þe snare
Þat whilhom iapedyst at louys peyne
Now art þou hent now gnaw þyn owen cheyne
þou were ay wonyd eche louere reprehende
Of þyng from which þou can þe not defende

(74)

.. What wele now euery louere seyn of þe
Ȝif þis be wyst / but euere in þyn absence
Laughyn in scorne & seyn lo þere goþ he
Þat is þe man of so gret sapience
Þat held vs loueris best in reuerence
Now þankyd be god he may gon in þe daunce
Of hem. þat loue lust febly for to auaunce

(75)

¶ But O þou woful troylys god wolde
Seþ. þou muste loue þour þyn destene
Þat þou be set where · on swechon · þat schulde
Knowe al þyn woo / al lakkede hyre pete
But also cold in loue towardys þe
þyn lady is as frost in wyntyr mone
And þou fordon. as snow in fyre is sone

(76)

God wolde I were a-ryued In þe port. [leaf 9, back] 526
Of deth to which my sorwe wil me lede.
A lord to me it were gret comfort.
Then were I quyt of langwysshyng yn drede. 529
For by myn hed / sorwe I-blowe on brede.
I shal by-laped ben a þousand tyme.
More þan þat fol of whos folye men ryme. 532

(77)

But now help god and ye swete for whom. 533
I pleyne .I. caught yet neuere wyght so faste.
O mercy dere hert and help me from.
The deth. for I whil þat my lyf wole laste. 536
More þan my-self wole loue yow to my laste.
And with som frendly look gladeth me swete.
þough neuere more þynge ye me by-hete. 539

(78)

This wordes and ful manye an oþer to. 540
He spak and called euere yn his compleynte.
Hire name. for to tellen hire his woo.
Tyl neigh þat he in salte teres dreynte. 543
Al was for nought she herd nought his pleynte.
And whan þat he bipought on þat folye.
A þousand fold his wo gan multeplie. 546

(79)

By-waylyng yn his chambre þus allone. 547
A frend of his þat called was Pandare.
Com onys yn vnwar and herd hym grone.
And sey his frend yn swych distresse and care. 550
Allas quod he who causeth al þis fare.
O mercy god what vnhap may þis meene.
Han now þus soone Grekes maad yow lene. 553

(76)

¶ God wold I were aryued in þe porte 526
of deth / to which my sorow wol me lede
A lord to me it were a grete comfort
þan were I qwytte of langwysshynge in drede 529
For be myn hidde sorowe yblowe on brede
I shal by-laped ben a þowsand tyme
More þan þat fool / of whos folye men ryme 532

(77)

But now help god and ye swete for whom 533
I pleyne / caught ye neuer wygth so fast
O mercy dere hert and help me from
þe deth for I whil þat my lif may laste 536
Mor than my self wol loue 3ow to my laste
And wiþ some freendly loks gladdeth me swete
þowh3 neuere more þynge 3e me byhete 539

(78)

¶ þis wordes and ful mauy a noþer to 540
He spak / and called euere in his compleynte
hire name / for to tellen hire his wo
Tyl neigh þat he in salte teris dreynte 543
Al was for noȝt she herd not his pleynte
And when þat he bithought on þat folye
A þousand folde his wo gan to multiplye 546

(79)

¶ Biwayllynge in his chaumber þus allone [leaf 7, back] 547
A frende of his þat called was pandare
come oneȝ vnwar and herde hym grone
And saye his freende in swich destresse and care 550
Allas quod he who causeth al þis fare
O mercy god what vnhap may þis mene
Han now þus soone grekes made 3ow leene 553

(76)

¶ God wolde I were aryuyd in þ^t^ porte [leaf 20, back] 526
Of deþ þ^t^ whçche myn sorwe wolde me lede
A lord to me it were a gret confort
þanne were I quit of languissyng in drede 529
ffor by myn hed sorwe Iblowe on breda
I schal beiapid ben a þousent tyme
More þan þat fole / of whos folȳ men ryme 532

(77)

But now help god / & ȝe swete for whom 533
I pleyne. I-kauȝt / ȝe neuere wyȝt so faste
O mercy dere herte / & help me from
þ^t^ deþ / for I whil myn lyf may laste 536
More þan myn selue. wylle loue ȝou to myn laste
And with *sum* frendli lok / gladede me swete
þouȝ neuere noþyng more ȝe me bohete 539

(78)

¶ þese wordys / & ful manye an*oþer to* 540
Spak & euere he callyd / in his compleynte
Hins name for to tellyn hire his wo
Til nyȝ þat he in salte teris drenkte 543
Al was *for* nouȝt sche herde nouȝt his pleynte
And whan he þouȝte on þat folye
A þousent fold his sorwe gan multeplye 546

(79)

By-wailyng in his chambir þus a-lone 547
A frend of his þat callyd was pandaris
Came onys in ou-war and herdde hym grone
And say his frend in distresse & care 550
Allas quod he ho causeþ al þis fare
O mercy god what ou-hap may þis mene
Han now þus sone grekys mad þ^t^ lene 553

(80)

Or hastow remors of conscience. 554
And art now fallen yn som denocioun,
And waylest for þi synne and þyn offence.
And hast for ferd caught attricioun. 557
God saue hem þat by-seged han oure toun.
And so kan leye oure Iolyte on presse.
And bryng oure lusty folk to holynesse. 560

(81)

These wordes seyde he for þe nones alle. [leaf 16] 561
That with swych þing he myghte hym angry maken.
And with an angre don his wo falle.
As for þe tyme and his corage awaken. 564
But wel he wiste as fer as tonges spaken.
Ther nas a man of grettere hardinesse.
Than he ne more desirede worthinesse. 567

(82)

What cas quod Troylus or what auenture. 568
Hath gided þe to se my langwysshynge.
That am refus of euery creature.
But for þe loue of god at my preyinge. 571
Go hens a-way for certes my deyinge.
wol the diahese / and I mot nedes deye.
Ther-for go wey þer is no more to seye. 574

(83)

But if þou wene I be þus sike for drede. 575
It is not so and þer-for scorne nought.
Ther is a noþer þing I take of hede.
wel more than ought þe Grekes han wrought. 578
which cause is of my deth; for sorwe and þought.
But þough þat I now telle þe it ne lest.
No be þow nought wroth I hide it for þe beste. 581

(80)

¶ Or hastow som remors of conscience 554
And art now falle in some devocioun
And waylest for þi synne and þin offence
And hast for ferde caught attricioun 557
God saue hym þat biseged han oure town
And so kan leye oure Iolyte on presse
And brynge oure lusti folk to holynesse 560

(81)

¶ þise wordes seyde he for þe nones alle 561
þat with swiche þinge he myght him angry maken
And with an angre don his wo to falle
as for þe tyme and his corage awaken 564
But wele he wyste as fer as tonges spaken
þer nas aman of gretter hardinesse
þan he ne more desired worþipesse. 567

(82)

¶ what cas quod troylus or what auenture 568
Hath gided þe to sen me languyssinge
þat am refus of euery creature 571
But for þe loue of god at my prayinge
go henne a-way for serkys my deynge
wól þe disese and I mote nedes deye
þer-for go wey þer is þo more to seye 574

(83)

¶ But if þow wene I be þus sik for drede 575
It is not so and þerfore scorne nought
þer is anoþer thynge I take of hede
wel more þan aught þe grekes han y-wrogth 578
whiche cause is of my dethe for sorw and thought
But þough þat I now telle it þe ne leste
Be þow nought wroth I hidde it for þe beste 581

(80)

¶ Or hast þou *sum* remors of conscience 554
And art now falle in *sum* deuocyoun
And waylyst for þyn synne & þyn offence
And hast for ferd caust attricioun 557
God saue *hem þat* han be segit oure toun
þat so cunne leyn oure iolite on presse
And brynge oure lusty folk in holynesse 560

(81)

¶ þese wordis seyde he for þe nonys alle [leaf 31] 561
þat *with* sweche þyngis he myjte *him* angery make
And *with* an angyr don his sorwe falle
Aš for þ^e tyme and his corage a-wakyn 564
But wel woste he as fer as tungis spakyn
þere nas a man of grettere hardynesse
þan he ne more desirede worþynesse 567

(82)

What cas quod he or what mysauenture 568
Hadde gydit þ^e to se myn languissyng
þat am refus of *euery*[1] cryature [1 or *every*]
But for þ^e loue of god at myn preying 571
So hens awoy for serkys myn deying
Wele þe dissese & I mote [2]nedys deye[2] [2—2 *corrector*]
þerfore go awoy þere nys no more to seye 574

(83)

¶ But 3if þou wene I be þus sek for drede 575
It is not so & þerfore skorne me nought
þere is a noþer þyng I take of hede
Wel more þan ought þat, þ^e grekys han wrouȝt 578
Which cause is of myn-deþ for sorwe & þouȝt
But þow þat I ne tellit þ^e, ne lest
Be ȝe not wroþ I hyde it for þ^e best 581

(84)

This Pandare þat neigh malt for sorwē and routhe. 582
Ful' often seyde allas what may þis be.
Now frend quod he yf euere loue or trouþe.
Hath ben or is by-twyxen þe and me. 585
Ne do þou neuere such a cruelte.
To hide fro þi frend so gret a care.
wostow nought wel þat it am I Pandare. 588

(85)

I wole parten with þe al þyn peyne. 589
If it be so I do þe no comfort.
As it is frendes right soth for to seyne.
To entreparten wo as glad desport. 592
I haue and schal for trewe or fals report.
In wrong and right I-loued þe al my lyue.
Hyd not þi wo fro me but telle it blyue. 595

(86)

Than gan this Troylus sorwfully to syke. [leaf 10, back] 596
And seyde him þus god leue it be my beste.
To telle it þe for sith it may þe lyke.
Yet wole I telle it þowh myn herte breste. 599
And wel wot I þow mayst don me no reste.
But lest þow deme I trust not to þe.
Now herke frende for þus it stant with me. 602

(87)

Loue a-yens þe which who-so defendeth. 603
Hym-seluen most hym alder-lest auayleth.
with desespeir so sorwfully me offendeth.
That streyght vn to þe deth myn herte affayleth. 606
Ther-to desir so brennynly me assaylleth.
That to ben slayn it were a grettere Ioye.
To me þan-Kyng of-Grece ben and Troye. 609

(84)

¶ þis Pandare þat neyghe malt for wo and routhe 582
Ful often seyd allas what may þis be
Now frende quod he If euere loue or trouthe
hath ben / or is bytwixen þe and me 585
Ne do þow neuere swiche a cruelte
To hyden fro þi frende so grete a care
wostow not wel þat it am I pandare 588

(85)

¶ I wil parten with þe al þi peyne [leaf 8] 589
If it be so I do þe no comfort
As it is frendis right soth for to sayne
To entreparten wo as gladde desport 592
I haue and schal for trew or fals report
In wronge and right I-loued þ^{e} al my lyue
Hide nat þi wo fro me but telle it hilyue 595

(86)

¶ þan gan þis sorwful troilus to syke 596
And seyde him þus god leue it be my best
To telle it þe for syth it may þe like
3et will I telle it though myn hart breste
And wele wote I þow mayst do me no reste 599
But leste þow deme I tryste not to þe
Now herke frende for þus it stonde with me 602

(87)

¶ Loue a3eins þe which who so defendeth 603
Him seluen most/ him alderlest availleth
wiþ desespeir / so sorwfully me offendeth
þat streght vn-to þe deth myn herte sailleth 606
þer-to desire so brennyngly me assaileth
þat to ben slayn it were a gretter Ioye
To me / than kyng of grece be and troye 609

(84)

. þis pandare þat wol ner mast for wo & rewthe 582
ffull ofte seyde allas what may þis be
Now frend quod he 3if euere loue or treuthe
Hap ben er þis be-twene þe & me 585
Ne do þou neuere swich a crewelte
To hyden from þyn frend swich a care
Wost þou not wel þat it am I Pandare 588

(85)

¶ I wele partyn with þ^{e} al þyn peyne 589
3if it be so I do þ^{e} non confort
As it is frendis ryȝt / soþ for to seyne
To interpartyn wo / as god disport 592
I haue & schal / for trowe or fals report (2 Lines 583 to 595 were repeated in the MS. on leaf 81, back, and struck out by the rubricator.)
In wrong & ryȝt / loued þ^{e} al myn lyf
595 Hyd not þyn wo from me / but telle it blyue[1] 595

(86)

¶ þanne gan þis sorweful troylys sike [Leaf 81, back] 596
And seyde hym þus god leue it be myn best
To telle it þ^{e} / for sythe it may be like
599 3it wele i telle it þ^{e} þow myn herte best
And wele wot I þou mayt do me no rest
But lest to deme I truste not to þ^{e}
602 Now herkene frend for þus it stondith with me

(87)

. . Loue a-gens whiche . who so defendyth 603
Hym selue most / al þer̄ lest auaylyth
With disespeyr. so sorweful me offendyth
606 þat streyt on to þ^{e} deþ myn herte saylyth
þerto desyr so brenynge me assaylyth
þerto ben slayn It were a gret ioye
609 To me / þan kyng of grece ben & Troye

(88)

Suffiseth þis my fulle frend Pandare.
That I haue seyd for now wostow my wo.
And for þe loue of god my cold care.
So hyd it wel .I. telle it neuere to mo.
For harmes myghte folwen mo þan two.
If it were wyst but þe þou in gladnesse.
And lat me sterue vnknowe of my distresse.

(89)

How hastow þus vnkyndely and longe.
Hid þis fro me. pow fool quod Pandarus.
*Parauntey*r þow myght after swych on longe.
That myn auys a-noon may helpen vs.
This were a wonder þyng quod Troylus.
Thow koudest neuere yn loue þyn seluen wysse.
How deuel maystow bryngen me to blysse.

(90)

Ye Troilus now herke quod Pandare.
Though .I. be nyce it happeth ofte so.
That on þat excesse doth ful yuele fare.
By good counseyl kan kepe his frend þer-fro.
I haue my-self ek seyn a blynd man go.
Ther as he fel þat coude loke wyde.
A fool may ek ofte a wys man gide.

(91)

A wheston is no keruyng Instrument. [leaf 11]
And yet it maketh sharpe keruyng tolys.
And þere pow wost þat I haue out myswent.
Eschewe þou þat. for swych þyng to þe scole is.
Thus ofte wyse men ben war by folys.
If þou do so þi wit is wel by-ware.
By eche contrarie is euery þing declared.

(88)

¶ Suffiseth þis my ful frend Pandare
þat I have seyde for now wostow my wo
And for þe loue of god my cold care
So hide it wele / I tolde it neuere to mo
For harmes myght folwen mo þan two
If it were wiste / but be þow in gladnesse
And lat me sterue vnknow of my destresse

(89)

¶ How þastow þus vnkyndly, and longe
Hidde þis fro me þow fool quod pandarus
Parauntur þow myght after swiche oon longe
þat myn auys a-non may helpe vs
þis were a wonder þinge quod troilus
þow coudest neuere in loue þi seluen wysse
How deuel maystow brynge me to blysse

(90)

¶ 3e Troilus herke now quod Pandare
though I be nyse / It happeth often so
That oon þat excesse doth ful yuele fare
By goode conseyl kan kepe his frende þer-fro
I haue my self ek seyen a blynde man go
þer as he fel þat coude loken wyde
A fool may ek a wise man oft gyde

(91)

¶ A wheston is no keruynge Instrument [leaf 8, back]
But 3et it makeþ sharpe keruynge tolis
And þer þow whost þat I haue aught myswent
eschewe þow þat for swich þinge to þe scole is
þus often wise men ben ware of folis
If þow do so þi witte is wele byward
By is contrarye is euery þinge declared

(88)

¶ Suffyseþ þis myn fulle frend Pandare
þat I haue seyd / for now hast þou myn wo
And for þ* love of god myn colde care
So-hyde it wel / for I tolde it neuere to mo
for harmys myȝtyn fallyn mo þan too
ȝif it were wist but be þou in gladnesse
And let me sterue / onknowe of myn distresse

(89)

¶ How hast þou þus onkendely & longe [leaf 22] 617
Hid þis from me / þou fool quod pandaris
Parauenture þou mayst aftyr swichon longe
þat myn auys a-non may helpyn vs 620
þat were a wondyr þyng quod Troylȝs
þou coudyst nepere .in loue þyn selue wisse
How del mayst þou / bryngyn me to blysse 623

(90)

. . ȝa troylys now herkene / quod pandare 624
þow I be nyse it happyþ ofte so
þat on þat exces doþ ful euele fare
By good conseyl may kepe his frend þerfro 627
I haue myn saelue / sen a blyng man go
þere as he fel þat coude loke wydè
A fol may ek a wys man gyde 630

(91)

¶ A weston is non keruyng instrument 631
But ȝit it makyth scharpe keruyng tolys
And ȝif þou wyst þat I haue ouȝt mys went
Excuse þou þat for swich þyng to þ* skole is 634
þus ofte wyse men / ben war by folys
ȝif þou do so þyn wyte is wel be-waryd
By his contrarye is euery þyng declarid 637

(92)

For how myght euere swetnesse haue be knowe. 638
To hym þat neuere tasted bitternesse.
Ne no man may be inly glad I trowe.
That neuere was yn sorwe or som distresse. 641
Ek whit by blak by shame ek worthinesse.
Eche set by oþer more for other semeth.
As men may se and so þe wyse it demeth. 644

(93)

Sith þus of two contraries is a lore. 645
I þat haue yn loue so ofte assayed.
Greuaunces ought konne and wel þe more.
Counsayllen þe of þat þow art amayed. 648
Ek þe ne oughte not ben yuel apayed.
Thow I desir with þe for to bere.
Thyn heuy charge / it shal þe lasse dere. 651

(94)

I wot wel [þat] it fareth þus by me. 652
As to þi broþer Parys an hierdesse.
which þat I-cleped was Oeñone.
wrot yn a compleynt of hire heuynesse. 655
Ye say þe lettre þat she wrot y gesse.
Nay neuere yet ywis quod Troylus.
No quod Pandare / herkene it was þus. 658

(95) (*Oenone's Letter to Paris.* 1 *st.*)

Phebus þat first fond art of medecyne. 659
Quod she. and koude yn euery wyghtes care.
Remede and red by erbess she knew fyne.
Yet to hym self his konnynge was ful bare. 662
For loue hadde hym so bounde yn a snare.
Al for þe doughter of þe kynge Ameto.
That al his craft / ne koude al his sorwe bete. 665

(92)

¶ For how myght euere swetenesse han ben knowe 638
To hym þat neuere tasted betternesse
Ne noman may ben Inly glad I trowe
þat neuere was in sorwe or som destresse 641
Ek whit by blak by chame ek worþinesse
Ech sett by oþer more for oþer semeþ
As men may se and so þe wise it demeþ 644

(93)

¶ Sith þus of two contraries is a loore 645
I that haue in love so oft asayde
greuaunces / ought konne and wele þe more
Conseyllen þe / of þat þow ert amayed 648
Ek þe ne aught not ben yuel apayed
þoughe I desire with þe for to bere
þin heuy charge it schal þe lesse dere 651

(94)

¶ I wote wele þat it farth þus by me 652
as to þi broþer paris an hierdesse
whiche þat cleped was oonone
wroot in a compleynt of hire heuynesse 655
ȝe say þe lettre þat sche wroot I gesse
Nay neuere ȝet Iwis quod troilus
Now quod pandare herken it was þus 658

(95) (*Oenone's Letter to Paris.* 1 *st.*)

¶ Ioebus þat þat first fond art of medcine [MS I] 659
quod she / and coude in euery wyghtes care
Remede and rede by herbes she know fyne
ȝet to hym self his konnynge was ful bare 662
For loue had hym so bounden in a snare
Al for þe doughter of þe kynge Ameto
þat al his craft ne koude his sorwes bete 665

(92)

. . ffor hou myȝte euere swetnesse a be knowe 638
To him þat neuere tastid bittyrnesse
Ne no man wot what gladnesse is I trowe
þat neuere was in sorwe or in sum distresse 641
Ek whyt by blak be schame ek worþynesse
Eche set by oþer more for oþer semyth
As men may ȝen & so þe wise demyn 644

(93)

¶ Syþe þus in too contrarijs is on lore 645
I þat haue in loue so ofte asayed
Greuaunce ouȝte come / & wel þe more
Conseyle þe of þat þou art amayede 648
And ek þou not to ben euele payede
þow I desese / with þe for to bere
þyn heuy charg / it schal þe lasse dere 651

(94)

¶ I wot wel þat it faryth þus by me [Leaf 22, back] 652
As to þyn broþer Parys & hierdesse
Whech [1]that clepyde was senome[1] [1—1 corrector]
Wrot in a compleynt of hire heuynesse 655
ȝe say þe lettere þat sche wrot I gesse
Nay neuere ȝit I-wis [2]quod Troylys[2] [2—2 corrector]
Now quod Pandaris herkenyt it was þis 658

(95) (*Oenone's Letter to Paris.* 1 *st.*)

. . Phebus þat fyrst found art of medicynys 659
Quod sche & curere[3] in euery wyȝtis care [3 corrected]
Remedye & red by herkis he knyt fyne
ȝit to hym self his cunnyng is ful bare 662
ffor loue hadde so boundyn in a snare
As for þe douȝtyr of kyng Amete
þat al his craft ne coude[4] his sorwe bete [4 corrected] 665

(96)

Ryght so fare I vnhappily for me. [leaf 11, back] 666
I loue oone best and þat me smerteth sore.
And yet *par*aunter kan I rede the.
And not my self repreue me no more. 669
I haue no cause I wot wel for to soore.
As doth an hauk þat lysteth for to pleye.
But to þyn help yet somwhat kan I seye. 672

(97)

And of o þyng right siker maystow be. 673
That certayn for to deye yn þe peyne.
That I shal neuere more discoueren þe.
Ne by my trouþe I kepe not restreyne. 676
The fro þi loue þey þat it were Eleyne.
That is þi broþeres wyf if ich it wyste.
Be what she be / and loue hire as þe *liste*. 679

(98)

Therfore as a frend fullych yn me assure. 680
And telle me plat what is þyn enchesoun.
And finally cause of wo þat ye endure.
For douteth no þyn myn entenciown. 683
Nys nought to yow of reprehencion.
To speke as now for no wygh may bireue.
A man to loue til þat hym lyst to leue. 686

(99)

And weteth wel þat bothe two ben vices. 687
Mystrusten alle or elles alle leue.
But wel wot I the meene of it no vice is.
For to trusten sum wight is a preue. 690
Of trouþe. and for-þi wolde I fayn remeue.
Thy wrong conceyte. and do þe som wyght tryste.
Thi wo *to telle*. and telle me yf þow lyste. 693

(96)

¶ Right so fare I vnhappily for me 666
I loue oone beste / and þat me smerteþ soore
And ȝet *par*aunter kan I reden þe
And nat my selfe repreue me no more 669
I haue no cause I *wote wele for to* sore
As doth an hauk that listeþ *for to* pleye
But to þi help ȝet som-what kan I seye 672

(97)

¶ And of o þyinge ryght siker maystow be [leaf 9] 673
þat certein for to dyen in þe peyne
þat I shal neuer mo discoueren þe
Ne by my trouþe I kepe nat restreyne 676
þe fro þi loue / theigh þat it were Eleyne
þat is þi broþer wyf / if ich it wiste
Be what she be / and loue hyre as þe liste 679

(98)

¶ þer-for as frend fulliche in me assoure 680
and tel me plat / what is thenchoeson
And fynali cause / of wo þat ye endure
For douteht no þinge myn entencion 683
Nys nat to ȝow of reprehencion
To speke as now / for no þinge may bireue
A man to loue / til þat hym list to loue 686

(99)

¶ And witeth wel þat both two ben vices 687
Mystrusten alle / or ellis alle loue
But wele I wote þe mene of it no vice is
For for to trusten som wyght is a preue 690
of trouthe / and for-þi wold I fayne remeue
þi wronge conceyte / and do þe som wyght truste
þi wo to telle / and tel me if þe liste 693

(96)

¶ Ryȝt so fare I onhaply for me 666
I loue on best & þat me smertyth sore
And ȝit *par*auenture can I rede þe
And nouȝt myn self repreue me no more 669
I haue no cause I wot wel *for to* sore[1] [1 next line in MS. scratcht out, then, l. 671]
As doþ an hauk *þat lestyþ for to* pleye
But to þat helpe *sum*what I can seye 672

(97)

. . And of on þyng ryt sekyr mayt þou be 673
þat certeyn for to deyen in þe peyne
þat I schal neuere more discouere þe
Ne be myn trouthe I kepe not restreyne 676
þe *from* þyn loue þow It were Elyne
þat is þyn broþeris wyf ȝif ich it wiste
Be what sche be & loue hire as þou lyste 679

(98)

¶ þerfore as frend fullych in me assure 680
And telle me plat what is þyn entencioun
And finially cause of wo þat þe endure
ffor doutyth no þyng myn entencioun 683
Ne is not to ȝow of reprehencioun
To speke as now for nowȝt may bereue
A man to loue til hym luste to leue 686

(99)

¶ And þerfore wetyth wel þat boþe to ben vicis [leaf 23] 687
Mistrostyn al or ell[2] al leue [2 = elles]
But wel I wot þat it no vice is
ffor forto trostene *sum* wyȝt is a preue 690
ffor-þi of trouthe / wolde I fayn remeue
þyn wrong confort & do þe *sum* wyȝt truste
þyn wo to telle & tel me ȝif þou lyste 693

(100)

Thise wyse seyth wo hym þat is allone. 694
For and he falle he hath noon helpe to ryse.
And sith þou hast a felawe tel thi moone.
For þis nys not yn certeyn þe next wyse. 697
To wynnen loue as techen vs þe wyse.
To walwe and wepe as Niobe þe queene.
whos terys yet yn marbel ben y-seene. 700

(101)

Lat be thi wepyng and thi drerynesse. [leaf 13] 701
And lat vs lyssen wo with oþer speche.
So may þis woful tyme seme lesse.
Delite not in wo þi wo for to seche. 704
As doon þese foles þat hire sorwes eche.
with sorwe when þey han mysauenture.
And lysten nought to sechen oþer cure. 707

(102)

Men seyn to wrecche is consolacioun. 708
To haue an other felawe yn his peyne.
That ought wel ben oure opynyoun.
For boþe þow and I of loue we pleyne. 711
So ful of sorwe am I soth for to seyne.
That certaynly nomore harde grace.
May sitte on me. for whi þer is no space. 714

(103)

If god wole þou art not agast of me. 715
Lest I wold of þi lady þe bygyle.
Thow wost þi self/ whom þat I loue parde.
As I best kan. gon sithen longe while. 718
And sithe þow wost I do it for no wyle.
And siþen I am he yn whom þou tristest most.
Tel me sumwhat syn al my wo þow wost. 721

(100)

¶ Þe wise seith wo him þat is allon 694
For and he falle / he hath non helpe him to ryse
And sith þow hast a felow tel þi moone
For þis nis naught certeyne þe nexte wise 697
to wynnen loue / as techen vs þe wyse
To walow and wepe / as Nyobe þe quene
whos teerys zet in marbel ben yseene 700

(101)

¶ Lat be þi wepynge and þi drerynesse 701
And lat vs listen wo with oþer speeche
So may þi woful tyme seme lesse
Delite not in wo / þi wo to seche 704
As doon þis fooles / þat hire sorw eche
with sorowe / when þei han mysauenture
And listen nougth to seche hem ooþer cure 707

(102)

¶ Men seyn to wrecche is consolacion 708
to haue a noþer felaw in his peyne
þat ought wel ben oure opynyon
For bothen þow and I of loue we pleyne 711
So ful of sorw am I soth for to seyne
þat certaynly no more harde grace
may sitte on me / for why þer is no space 714

(103)

¶ If god wil þow art nought agast of me [leaf 9, back] 715
lest I wol of þi lady þe bigile
þow woste þi self / whom þat I loue pardee
As I best kan / gon sithen longe while 718
And sith þow wost I do it for no wile
and sith I am he þat þow tristest moost
Tel me som-what syn al my wo þow woste 721

(100)

. þ^e wise seyeth wo is hym þat is a loue 694
ffor and he falle he ne haþ non helpe to ryse
And syþ^e þou hast a felawe tel þyn mone
ffor þis nys not certeyn þ^e nexte wyse 697
To women loue as cechyn vs þ^e wysse
To walwe & wepe as I Nyob þ^e quene
Whos teris zit in marbil ben sene 700

(101)

¶ Let ben þyn wepynge & þyn drerynesse 701
And let vs wisse with oure speche
So may þyn woful tyme seme lesse
Delite not in wo þy wo to steche[1] [1 or seche] 704
As don þese folis þat here sorwys eche
With sorwe whan þey han mys auenture
And liste not to seche hem oþer cure 707

(102)

¶ . Men seyn to wreche is consolacioun 708
To han a noþer felawe in his peyne
þat auzte wel to ben oure opinyoun
ffor boþ^e þou & I of loue we pleyne 711
So ful of sorwe am I soþ for to seyne
þat certeynly no more harde grace
May sittyn on me for why þere nys non space 714

(103)

¶ Zyf god wil þou art not agast of me 715
Lest I wolde of þyn lady þe begile
þou wost þyn self hom þat I loue parde
As I best kan gon [2]sithe longe while [2 corrected] 718
And sey þou wilt it do for no gyle
And seyst þou þat I am he þat þou trostyst most
Tel me sumwhat syþyn al myn wo þou wyst 721

(104)

Yet Troylus for al þis no word seyde. 722
But longe he lay [as] stylle as he ded were.
And after þis with sikynge he a-breyde.
And to Pandarus voys he lente his ere. 725
And vp his eyen caste he / *þat* in feare.
was Pandarus. lest *þat* in frenesye.
He sholde falle or elles sone dye. 728

(105)

And cride a-wake ful wondrly and sharpe. 729
what slombrestow as yn a lytargie.
Or artow lyk an asse to þe harpe.
That hereth soun whan men þe strenges plye. 732
But yn his mynde of *þat* no melodye.
May synk yn hym to glade / for *þat* he.
So dul is of his bestialite. 735

(106)

And wip that Pandare of his wordes stente [leaf 12, back] 736
But Troylus yet hym no word answerede.
For-why to telle *nat* not his entente.
To neuere man for whom *þat* he so ferde. 739
For it is seyd man maketh ofte a yerde.
with which þe makere is hym self beten.
In sondry maneres as þis wyse treten. 742

(107)

And namely yn his conseyl tellyng. 743
That touchep loue *þat* ought be secre.
For of hym self it wolde not ought sprynge.
But-yf *þat* it the bet gouuerned be. 746
Ek som tyme it is a craft to some-flo.
Fro pyng which yn effect men hunte faste.
Al þis gan Troylus yn his herte caste. 749

(104)

¶ Yet troilus for al þis [no] worde sayde 722
But longe he lay / as stille as he dede were
And after þis with sikynge he a-breyde
And to pandarus voice he lente his ere 725
And vp his eyhen cast he þat in feare
was pandarus / leste þat in frenesye
He sholde falle / or ellis sone dye 728

(105)

¶ And criede awake ful wondurliche and charpe 729
what slombrestow as in litargye
Or artow like an asse to þe harpe
That hereth soun whan men þe strenges plye 732
Bot in hys mynde of þat no melodye
May synken hym to gladden for þat he
So dul is of his bestialitee 735

(106)

¶ And wip þat Pandare of his wordes stente 736
But Troilus yet hym nothynge answerde
For-why / to tellen nas not his entente
To neuere no man / for whom þat he so ferde 739
For it is seyde / men makep of a yerde
wip which þe maker is hym self ybeten
In sondry maneres / as þise wyse treten 742

(107)

¶ And nameliche in his counseylle tellynge 743
þat towcheth loue / þat oughte ben secree
For of hym self it wol nought out sprynge
But if þat it þe bette gouerned be 746
Ek som tymo it is a craft to some flee
Fro thynge / which in effect men hunte faste
Al þis gan Troilus in his herte caste 749

(104)

¶ Yit troylle for al þis no word seyde [leaf 88, back] 722
But longe he lay as stylle & he dede where
And after with sykynge he a-broyde
And to pandarys voys he bente his ere 725
And vp hise eyen caste he þat in fere
Was pandaris lest þat in frenesye
He schulde falle or eli sone deye 728

(105)

. . He cryede awake ful wondyrliche & scharpe 729
What slombrest þou as in lytargye
Or art þou lyk an asse to þ^e^ harpe
þat heryth soun whan men þ^e^ stryngis pleye 732
But in his mynde of þat no melodye
May synkyn hym to gladdyn for þat he
So dul is of his bestialte 735

(106)

¶ And why þat pandarys of hise wordys stente 736
And troylys yt hym non word answeryd
for why to tellyn was not his entent
To neuere no man for whom þat he so ferde 739
for it is seyd men makyth ofte a yerde
With whiche þ^e^ makere is hym self I-bete
In sundery maner as þese clerkis trete 742

(107)

. . And nameliche in his conseyl tellyng 743
þat touche loue þat ought to be secre
for of hym self it wole Inow out sprynge
But 3if þat it þ^e^ bettyr gouerned be 746
Ek it is a craft for summe / sumtymo to fle
for þyng which in effecte men hunte faste
Al þis gan troylys in his herte caste 749

(108)

But nabeles whan he had herd hym crye.
A-wake ! he gan to syke wonder sore.
And seyde frend bough þat I stille lye.
I am not def / now pes and cry no more.
For I haue herd þi wordes and þi lore.
But suffre me my myschef to by-wayle.
For þi prouerbes may me nought auayle.

(109)

Nor oþer cure canstow noon for me.
Eke I nyl not be cured I wol deye.
what knowe I of þe queene Niobe.
Let be þyne olde ensaumples I þe preye.
No quod þo Pandarus perfore I seye.
Such is delit of foles to by-wepe.
Here wo. but seken bote þei ne kepe.

(110)

Now knowe I þat reson yn þe fayleth.
But telle me yf I-wyst what she were.
For whom þat þe al þis mysaunter ayleth.
Dorstestow þat I telle in here eere.
Thi wo. with pow darst not þi-self for feere.
And hire by-sought on þe to han som rouþe.
why nay quod he by god and bi my trouþe.

(111)

What not as bisily quod Pandarus.
As þough myn owen lyf lay on þis nede.
No certes / broþer quod þis Troylus.
And why / for þat þow sholdest neuere spede.
wostow þat wel / ye þat is out of drede.
Quod Troylus / for al þat euere-ye konne.
She nyl not to no swych wrecche be wonne.

(108)

¶ But natheles when he hadde herde hym crye
Awak / he gan to syken wonder sore
And seyde frende / bough that I stil lye
I am not deef / now pees and cry namoore
For I haue herde þi wordes and þi loore
But suffre me my myschief to bywayle
For þi prouerbes may me nought awaylle

(109)

¶ Nor other cure kanstow none for me
Eke I nyl not ben cured I wol dye
What know I of þe quene Nyobe
Let be þin olde ensaumples I þe preye
No quod tho Pandarus þer-fore I seye
Swiche is delit of folys to be-wepe
Hyre wo / but seken boote thei ne kepe

(110)

¶ Now knowe I þat þer-reson in-þe failleth
But tel me / if I wyste what she were
For whom þat the al þis misaventure ailleth
Dorstestow þat I-tolde in-hyre ere
þi wo / syth þow dirst nought þi self for feere
and hyre bysought on þe to han som routhe
whi nay quod he by god and by my trouthe

(111)

¶ What nat as bisily quod pandarus
As though myn owen lyfe lay on þis nede
No certes brother quod þis Troilus
and whi / for þat þow sholdest neuere spede
wostow þat wele / ze þat is out of drede
quod troilus / for al þat euere ze konne
She nyl to noon swhich wrecche as I-ben wonne

(108)

¶ But neuere þe les whan he hadde herd hym cry
A-wake he gan to sike wondyr sore
And seyde frend þow I stille lye
I nam not def / lye stylle & crye no more
ffor I haue herd þyne wordis & þyn lore
But suffere me myn myschif to be-waylyn
ffor þyne proverbis mown me not auaylyn

(109)

¶ ffor oþer cure canst þou non for me [leaf 24]
Ek I wele not ben cured I wele daye
What knowe I of þ^e quene Neobe
Let ben þyne olde examplys I þe preye
No quod pandarys perfore I seye
Swich is delyt of folys to be-wepyn
Here wo but sychen bote þey ne kepyn

(110)

¶ Now I knowe þat þere resons in þ^e fayleth
But telle me ȝif I wyste wych sche were
ffor whom al þis auenture mys-ayleth
Durstyst þou þat I told hyre in hyre ere
þyn wo ayþe þou darst not for fere
And hyre be-southe on þe to han sum routhe
Why nay quod he by god & by myn trouthe

(111)

¶ What not as busily quod pandarys
As þow myn owene lyf laye on þis nede
No certys broþer quod þis t[o]lylys
And why / for þat þou schuldyst neuere spede
Wost þou þat wel ! ȝa þat is out of drede
quod troylys for al þat euere ȝe conne
Sche wele to non swich wreche as I ben wonne

(112)

Quod Pandarus allas what may þis be. 778
That þow desespered art þus causeles.
what lyueth not þi lady benedicite.
How wostow so þat þow art graceles. 781
Such yuel is not alwey boteles.
why put not Impossible þus þi cure.
Syn þyng to come is ofte yn auenture. 784

(113)

I graunte wel þat þow endurest wo. 785
As sharp as doth þe Ticius yn helle.
whos stomak foughles tiren euere mo.
That highte volturis as bokes telle. 788
But I may not endure þat þow dwelle.
In so vnskilful an opynyoun.
That of þi wo is no curacioun. 791

(114)

But ones nyltow for þi coward herte. 792
And for þyn ire and folessh wilfulnesse.
For wantrust tellen of þi sorwes smerte.
Ne to þyn owen help do bysynesse. 795
As meche as speke a resoun more or lasse.
But lyk as he þat lest of no þyng recche.
what womman wolde loue such a wrecche. 798

(115)

What may she deme oþer of þi deth. 799
If þow þus deye / and she not whi it is.
But þat for fere is yolden vp þi breth.
For Grekes han byseged vs y-wys. 802
Lord which a þonk þen shaltow han of þis.
Thus wol she seyn and al þe toun at ones.
The wrecche is ded the deuel haue his bones. 805

(112)

¶ Quod pandarus allas what may þis be 778
þat thow despired art þus causelees
what lyueth nat þi lady bendistee
How wostow so that þow art graceles 781
Swhiche yuel is nat alwey bootelees
why put nat impossible þus þi cure
Syth þinge to come / is oft in auenture 784

(113)

¶ I graunte wel þat þow endurest wo 785
as sharpe / as doth tycius in holle
Whos stomak fowles tyren euere mo
þat hyghten Volturis / as bokes telle 788
But I may noth endure þat þow dwelle
In so vnskilful an opynyon
þat of þi wo is no curacion 791

(114)

¶ But oones nyltow for þi coward herte 792
And for þin ire / and foolysh wilfulnesse
For wantruste tellen of þi sorwes smerte
Ne to þin own help / don besynesse 795
as muche / as speke a reson more or lesse
But liste as he þat lest of nothynge recche
what woman koude loue swèche a wriche 798

(115)

¶ what may she demen oother of þi deeth [leaf 10, back] 799
If þow þus deye / and she noot whi it is
But þat for feere / is ȝolden vp þi brethe
For grekis han biseged vs Iwys 802
Lord which a thank þan shaltow han of þis
þus wol she seyn and alle þe town atonees
þe wreche is deed / the deuel haue his bones 805

(112)

.. Quod pandaris allas what may þis be 778
þat þou dispeyred art þus causeles
What lyuyth not þyn lady benediste
How wost þou so þat þou art graceles 781
Swych euyl is not alwoy boteles
Why put not impossible þus þyn cure
Swich þyng to come is ofte in auenture 784

(113)

¶ I graunte wel þat þou endurȝst wo 785
As scharpe as doþ he which is in helle
Whois stomak foulys tyryn euere & oo
þat hyȝte wulturnus as bokys telle 788
But I may not endure þat þou dwelle
In so onskylful opynyoun
þat of þe wo is non curacyoun 791

(114)

¶ But onys nylt þou for þyn coward herte [leaf 24, back] 792
And for þyn yre & foly wilfulnesse
ffor wantrost tellyn of þynne sorwis smerte
Ne to þyn owene hele don besynesse 795
As meche as specke a resoun more or lesse
But lȳch as he þat leste of no þyng reche
What woman coude loue swich a wreche 798

(115)

.. What may sche demyn / ouȝt of þyn deþ 799
ȝif þou þus deye & sche not why it is
But þerfore fere is ȝuldyn vp þyn breþ
ffor Grekys han besegit vs I-wis 802
Lord wych a þank schuldyst þou han of þis
þus wil sche say & al þe toun at onys
þe wreche is ded þe deuyl haue hyse bony[s] 805

(116)

Thow mayst allone here wepe and crie and knele. [Cf. 15, 16] 806
But loue a woman þat she wot it nought.
And she wole quyte þat þou shalt not fele.
Vnknowe vnkyst and lost þat is vn-sought. 809
what many a man hath loue ful dere ybought.
Twenty wynter that his lady wyste.
That neuere yet his lady mouth yet kyste. 812

(117)

What shulde he perfore fallen yn despeyr. 813
Or be recreaunte of his owene tene.
Or slen hym self al be his lady feyr.
Nay. nay. but euere yn oon be fressh and grene. 816
To seruen and loue hys dere hertes queene.
And þenk it is a guerdoun hire to serue.
A þowsand folde more þan he kan deserue. 819

(118)

Of þat word toke hede Troylus. 820
And þought a-noon what folye he was Inne.
And how þat hym soth seyde Pandarus.
That for to slen hym self myght he not wynne. 823
But boþe doon vnmanhod and synne.
And of his deth his lady nought to wyte.
For of his wo god knoweth ful lyte. 826

(119)

And with þat þought he gan ful sore syke. 827
And seyde allas what is me best to do.
To whom Pandare answered yf þe lyke.
The best is þat þow telle me al þi wo. 830
And haue my trowþe but þow it fynde so.
I be þi bote or þat it be ful longe.
To pieces do me drawe and sithen honge. 833

(116)

¶ þow mayst allone here wepe and crye and knele 806
But loue a woman þat she wote it nought
And she wol qwyte þat þow shalt not feele
Vnknow vnkyst / and lost þat is vnsought 809
What many a man þat loue ful deere a-bought
Twenty wynter þat his lady wyste
þat neuer ȝyt his lady mouth he kyste 812

(117)

¶ What! scholde he ther-for fallen in dispayr 813
Or be recreaunte for his own tene
Or sleen hym self al be his lady faire
Nay nay / but euere in oone be fresch and grene 816
To serue and loue his deere hertes queene
And thynke it is a guerdon hire to serue
A þowsand folde / moore þan he kan deserue 819

(118)

¶ Of þat worde took hede Troylus 820
And thought o-none what folye he was Inne
And how þat sothe hym seyde pandarus
þat for to slen hym self myghte he nat wynne 823
But bothe doon vnmanhode and a synne
And of his deth his lady nought to wyte
For of his wo god wote she knewe ful lyte 826

(119)

¶ And with þat þought he gan ful soore syke 827
And seyd allas what is me beste to do
To whom Pandare answered / if þe lyke
þe beste is þat þow telle me al þi wo 830
And have my trouhte but þow it fynde so
I be þi boote / or þat it be ful longe
To pieces do me draw / and sythen honge 833

(116)

¶ þu mayȝt a-lone[1] hire wepe crye & knele 806
But loue a woman þat sche wote it not [1 a-boue corrected]
And sche wele quite it þat þou schalt not fele
Vn-knowe on-kyst & lost þat is on-souȝt 809
What manye a man haþ loue ful dere abouȝt
Twenty wyntyr þat his lady not wyst
þat neuere ȝit his ladyis mouth he ne kyst 812

(117)

.. What schulde he perfore falle in dispeyr 813
Or ben recreaunt for his owene tene
Or slen hym selfe al by his lady fayre
Nay nay but euere in on boþe frossche & grene 816
To leuyn & to seruyn his dere lady quene
And þynkyn it is a gerdoun hyre to seruyn
A þousent fold more þan he can deseruyn 819

(118)

¶ And of þys word tok hed troylys 820
And þouȝte a non what foly he was inne
And hou þat soþ hym seyde pandaris
þat for to slen hym he myȝte not wynne 823
Boþe to don on-manhod & a gret synne
And of his deþ his lady not to wyte
ffor of hys wo god wot sche k[n]ew but lyte 826

(119)

¶ And with þat þouȝt he gan ful sore syke [leaf 25] 827
And seyde allas what is me best to do
To whom pandare answerde ȝyf þ[e] lyke
þ[e] beste is þat þou telle me þyn wo 830
And haue myn treuthe but þou fynde it so
I be þyn bote or þat it be ful longe
To peeys do me drawe & sythe me honge 833

(120)

Ȝe so þow seyst quod Troylus þo allas. 834
But god wot it is not þe raþer so.
Ful hard were it to helpen yn þis cas.
For wele fynde I þat fortune is my fo. 837
Ne alle þe men þat ryden konne or go.
May of here cruel whiel þe harm wiþstonde.
For as here lyst she pleyeth wiþ free and bonde. 840

(121)

Quod Pandarus than blamestow Fortune. [leaf 14] 841
For þow art wroth now at erst I se.
wostow nat wel þat fortune ys commune.
To euery maner wight yn som degree. 844
And yet þow hast þis comfort lo parde.
That as here Ioyes moten ouer gone.
So mote hire sorwes passen euerychone. 847

(122)

For yf here whiel stynte any þyng to torne. 848
Thanne cessede she fortune anoon to be.
Now sith here whiel by no wey may soiorne.
what wostow of here mutabilite. 851
Ryght as þi seluen lyst wol don by þe.
Or þat she be not fer fro þyn he[l]pynge.
Paraunter þow hast cause for to synge. 854

(123)

And perfore wostow whan I þe beseche. 855
Lat be þi wo and turnyng to þe grounde.
For who-so lyst haue helpyng of his leche.
To hym byhoueth first vnwre his wounde. 858
To Cerberus yn helle ay be I bounde.
were it for my suster al þi sorwe.
By my wil she sholde al be þyn to morwe. 861

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(120)

¶ Ȝe so þow seyst quod Troylus tho allas 834
But god woote it nought þe raþer so
Ful harde were it to help in þis cas
For wele fynde I þat fortune is my wo 837
Ne alle þe men þat ryden konne or go
May of hyre cruel whiel þe harme wiþstonde
For as hire luste she pleyeht *with* fre and bonde 840

(121)

¶ Quod Pandarus / than blamestow fortune [leaf 11] 841
For þow art wrothe / ȝe now at arst I se
wostow nat wel þat fortune is comune
To euery maner wyght in some degre 844
And ȝet þow hast þis comfort lo parde
þat as hire Ioyes moten ouer gone
So mote hire sorwes passen euerychone 847

(122)

¶ For if hire whiel stynte any þinge to torne 848
þanne cessed she fortune a-non to be
Now sith hire whiel by no way may soiorne
what wastow if hire mutabilite 851
Ryght as þi seluen *list* wol don by the
Or þat she be nought fer fro þin helpynge
Paraunter þow hast cause for to synge 854

(123)

¶ And þer-for wostow what I þe-be[se]che 855
Lat be þi wo / and tornynge to þe grounde
For who so liste haue helynge of his leche
To hym behoueth first vnwre his wonde 858
To Cerberus in helle ay be I bounde
were it for my suster al þi sorwe
By my wille / she sholde al be þin to morwe 861

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(120)

. . Ȝa so seyst þou quod Troylys þo & allas 834
But god wot it is not þe raþere so
fful harde it were to helpyn in þis cas
ffor wel fynde I þat fortune is myn fo 837
Ne alle þe men þat ryde cunne or go
May of hyre whel / þe harm wel *with*-stonde
ffor as hyre lust sche pleyeþ *with* fre & bonde 840

(121)

¶ Qud pandaris þanne blamyst þou fortune 841
ffor þou art wroþ now / ȝa[1] at[1] e [1] I seo [1—1 other letters scratcht out]
Wost þou not wel þat fortune is comune
To euery maner wyȝt in sum de-gre 844
And ȝit þou hast þis confort lo parde
þat as hyre ioye motyn ouergon
So motyn hire sorwys passyn euerychon 847

(122)

. . ffor ȝif hire whelys styntyn ony þyng to turne 848
þanne sesed sche / anon fortune to be
Now sythe hire whel ne may in no wöye soiourne
What wyst þou ȝyf hire mutabilitie 851
Ryȝt as hire self lust wele don by þe
Or þat sche be now[2] fer from þyn helpynge [2 now, overline, later]
Perauenture þou hast cause for to synge 854

(123)

¶ And þerfore wost þou I þe be-seche 855
Let be þyn wo / & turnynge to þe ground
ffor ho so lyst[3] haue helpyng of his leche [3 lyst, overline, later]
To hym by-houyth fyrst onwrye his wounde 858
To serberus in helle ay be I bounde
Were it for myn sustyr al þyn sorwe
By myn wil [sche] schulde be þyn to-morwe 861

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Loke vp I seye and telle me what she is. 862
A-noon þat I may goon aboute þin nede.
Knowe Ich here ought for my loue telle me þis.
Thenne wolde I hopen þe rapere for to spede. 865
Tho gan þe veyne of Troylus to blede.
Fo[r] he was hit and wax al red for shame.
A ha quod Pandare here bygynneth game. 868

(125)

And with þat word he gan hym for to shake. 869
And seyde þef þow shalt here name telle.
But þo bigan sely Troylus for to quake.
As þough men sholde han led *hym* in to helle. 872
And seyde allas of al my wo þe welle.
Than is my swete fo called Criseyde.
And wel neygh wiþ þe word for fere he deyde. 875

(126)

And whan þat Pandare herde here name neuene. [leaf 14, back]
Lord he was glad and seyde frend so dere.
Now fare a right for Iouues name yn heuene.
Loue hath beset þe wel be of good chere. 879
For of good name and wysdom and manere.
She hath y-nough and ek of gentilesse.
If she be fayre þow wost þi-self I gesse. 882

(127)

Ne neuere saw a more bounteuous. 883
Of here estat. ne a gladder. ne of speche.
A frendliour na more gracious.
For to do wel ne lasse hadde nede to seche. 886
what for to doon and al *þis* bet to eche.
In honour to as fer as she may strecche.
A kynges herte semeth by hires a wrecche. 889

[*Harl.* 2253 has another stanza here; see p. 23, *Troilus and Filostrato.*]

(124)

¶ Loke vp I seye / and telle me what she is 862
Anon þat I may gone aboute þi nede
Know iche hire ought / for my loue telle me þis
þanne wolde I hopen the rapere for to spede 865
þo gan þe veyne of troilus to blede
For he was hit / and wex alle rede for chame
A ha quod pandare / here bygynneth game 868

(125)

¶ And *with* þat worde he gan hym for to schake 869
And seyde þeef / þow shalt hir name telle
But þo gan sely Troylus for to quake
As þough men sholde han led hym in-to helle 872
And seyde / allas of al my wo þe welle
þanne is my swete fo called cryseyde
And wel neygh *with* þat worde for feere he deyede 875

(126)

¶ And whan þat pandare herde hyre name neuene 876
lord he was glad / and seyde frende so dere
Now fare a right for Iouues name in heuene
loue hath by-set þe wele / be of goode shere 879
For of good name and wisdom and manere
She hath ynough / and ek of gentilesse
If she be fayre / þow wost þi self I gesse 882

(127)

¶ Ny neuere saugh / a moore bounteyous [leaf 11, back] 883
of hyre estate / ne gladder / nor of speche
A frenlyer na moore gracious
For to do wel / ne lasse hadde nede to seche 886
what for to don / and al þis bet to eche
In honor to as fer as she may stretche
A kynges herte semeth by hires a wreche 889

(124)

¶ Loke vp I say & tel me what sche is [leaf 25, back] 862
A-non þat I may gon a-bout þyn nede
Knowe I hire ouȝt for myn loue tel me þis
þat wolde I hope rapere for to spede 865
þo gan þ[e] veyne of Troylis for to blede
ffor he was hurt & wex al red for schame
A .a. quod Pandarys here bo-gynnyth game 868

(125)

. . And *with* þat word he gan hym for to schake 869
And seyde [1]if þou schalt hire name telle [1] *scratched out*
But þo gan sely troylis for to quake
As þow men schulde han hym in to helle 872
And seyde allas of al myn wo þe welle
þanne is myn swete fo callyd Crisseyde
And wol ner *with* þe word for fer he deyede 875

(126)

¶ And whan þat pandarys herde hyre name nemena 876
Lord he was glad & seyde frend so dere
Now fare a ryȝt for iouys name in heuene
Loue þou hast be-set wel / be of good chere 879
ffor of good name / wisdom & manere
Sche haþ I-now / & ek of gentillesse
ȝyf sche be fayr / þou wyst þyn self I gesse 882

(127)

. . Ne neuere ne say a more / bountyuous 883
Of hire estat / non / gladere ne of speche
A frendelyere / ne non more gracious
ffor to don wel ne lasse haȝde nede to seche 886
What for to don & al þis bet to eche
In honour to as fer as sche may streche
A kyngis herte semyth bi hire awreche 889

(136)

Now loke þat a-tempre be þy brydel. [leaf 15, back] 946
And for þe beste ay suffre to þe tyde.
Or elles alle oure labour is on ydel.
He hasteþ wel þat wysly kan a-byde. 949
Be diligent and trewe and ay wel hide.
Be lusty fre perseuere yn þyn seruyse.
And al *is* wel *if* þow werk yn þis wyse. 952

(137)

But ne þat departed *is* yn euery place. 953
Is no wher hool as writen clerkes wyse.
what wonder is that such on haue no grace.
Ek wostow how it fareþ on som seruice. 956
As plaunte a tre or herbe yn sondry wyse.
And on þe morwe pulle it vp as blyue.
No wonder *is* þow it mowe nenere þriue. 959

(138)

And sith þat god of loue hath þe bystowed. 960
In place digne vn [to] þi worþynesse.
Stond fast for to good port hastow rowed.
And of thy self for any heuynesse. 963
Hope alwey wel / for but if drerynesse.
Or ouer-haste oure boþe labourе shende.
I hope of þis to make a good ende. 966

(139)

And wostow whi I am þe lasse a-fered. 967
Of þis matere with my Nece trete.
For þis haue I herd seyd of wyse y-lered.
was neuere man ne woman yet bygete. 970
That was vnapt to suffren loues hete.
Celestial. or elles loue of kynde.
For-þi som grace I hope yn here fynde. 973

(136)

¶ Now looke þat a-tempree be þi brydel 946
And *for* þe beste ay suffre to þe tyde
Or elles alle oure labour is on ydel
He hasteth wele / þat wysly kan abyde 949
Be diligent and trewe and ay wele hyde
Be lusti / fre / perseuere in þi seruyse.
And al is wele / *if* þow wyrke in þis wise 952

(137)

¶ But he þat departed is in euery place 953
Is no wher hool / as writen clerkes wyse
what wonder is þough swiche an haue no grace
Ek wostow how it fareth of som seruyse 956
As plaunte a tree or erb in sondry wyse
And on þe morwe pulle it vp as hylyue
No wonder *is* þough it may neuere þryue 959

(138)

¶ And sith þat god of loue hath þ[e] by-stowede 960
In place digne vn to þi worþ[y]nesse
Stonde fast / for to goode port hastow rowede
And of þi self for any heuynesse 963
Hope alwey wele / for but-if drerinesse
Or ouer haste / our bothe labourе schende
I hope of þis to maken a ful gode ende 966

(139)

¶ And wostow why I am þe lesse a-fered [leaf 12, back] 967
Of þis mater wiþ my nece trete
For þis hane .I. herde seyde of wyse lered
was neuer man or woman þat bigete 970
þat was vnapt to soueren loues hete
Celestial / or elles loue of kynde
For-þi som grace / I hope in hyre to fynde 973

(136)

¶ Now loke þat atempere wel þyn brydil 946
And for þ[e] beste ay suffere to þ[e] [1]yde [[1] *scratched out*]
Or ellis al oure labour is in ydil
He hastyth wel þat wisely can abide 949
Be diligent & trewe & ay wel hyde
Fe lusty fre perseuere in þyn seruyse
And al is wel *if* þou were in þis wyse 952

(137)

// But he *þat* partyd is in *euery* a place 953
Is nowher hol as wryte clerkys wise
What wondyr *ist* þow swich on haue no grace
Ek wost þou how it fareth of *sum* seruyse 956
As plante a tre or erbe in sundery wise
And on þ[e] morwe felle it as blyue
Now wondyr ist þow it may neuer þryue 959

(138)

¶ *And* sipe god of loue haþ þ[e] be-stowyd 960
In place digne on to þyn worþynes
Stond faste for to good port hast þou rowid
And of þyn self for ony heuynesse 963
Hope alwoy wel þat but *if* dreurynesse
Or for euere hast þou oure boþis labour schende
I hope of þis to make a good ende 966

(139)

¶ And wost þou wel whi I am þ[e] lasse aferyd [leaf 27] 967
Of þys matyr *with* myn neces trete
ffor þis hane I herd seyd of leryd[2] [[2] *ryd, corrector*]
Was neuere non woman *yit* be-gete 970
þat was on-hapi to soffere louys hete
Celestial or ollys loue of kynde
ffor-þy sum grace / I hope in hyre fynde 973

(140)

And for to speke of here ynespecial.
Hire beaute to by-pynke and hire youpe.
It sit hire nought to be Celestial.
And yet pough pat hire lyste bope and koupe.
But trewly it sat here wel right nowpe.
A worthy knyght to loue and cherice.
And but she do I holde it for a vice.

(141)

Wherfore I am and wole be ay redy. [leaf 16]
To peyne me to do yow pis seruyse.
For bope yow to plese pus hope I.
Her-afterward for ye beth bope wyse.
And konne it conseyl kepe yit such a wyse.
That no man schal of it pe wiser be.
And so we may be gladed alle pre.

(142)

For be my trowpe I haue right now of pe.
A good conceyt yn my wit as I gesse.
And what pat is I wol now pat pow se.
I penke. sith pat loue of his goodnesse.
Hath pe conuerted out of wikkednesse
That pow shalt be best post I leue.
Of al his lay / and most hise foes to greue.

(143)

Ensample whi se ye pese wyse clerkes.
That erren aldermost a-yen pe lawe.
And ben conuerted from hire wykkede werkes.
Thorugh grace of god pat lyst hem to hym drawe.
Than arn pei folk pat han most god yn awe.
And strengest feyped ben I vnderstonde.
And konne an errour alder best wipstonde.

(140)

¶ And for to speke of hyre in special
Hyre beaute to be-thynken and hyre 3outhe
It sitt hyre nought to ben celestial
As 3et pough pat hir lyste bothe and kouthe
But trewly it sate hire wel ryght nought
A worthy knyght to louen and cherice
And but she do I holde it for a vice

(141)

¶ whar-for I am and wol ben ay redy
To peynne me to do 3ow pis seruyse
For bope 3ow to plesse thus hope I
Here efterwarde / for 3e ben bothe wyse
And konne it conseyle kepe in swiche a wyse
pat no man schal pe wyser of it be
And so we may ben gladded alle pre

(142)

¶ And by my trouthe I haue right now of pe
A good conceyte / in myt wit as I gesse
And what it is / I wol now pat pow se
I thinke / sith that loue of his godeness
Hath conuerted oute of wikkydness
pat pow shalt ben pe beste post I leue
of alle his lay and moost his foes to greue

(143)

¶ Ensaumple whi / se now pise wyse clerkes
pat erren aldermost a-gayn a lawe
And ben conuerted from hire wikked werkes
poiwgh grace of god pat list hem to him drawe
pan are pei folk pat han moost god in awe
And strenghest feythed ben I vnderstonde
And konne an errours alderbeste withstonde

(140)

// And for to speke of hyre in speeyal
Hyre beaute to be-heldyn & hyre 3oupe
It sit hire not to be celestial
As 3it pat hire lyste bope & coupe
But trewely it sat hire wel right noupe
A worpy knyst to loue & cherice
And but sche do I holde it for a vice

(141)

¶ perfore I am & wele be al redy
To peyne me to don pis seruyse
for bope 3ow to plese pis hope I
Here afterward for pe ben bope wyse
And cunne conseyle & kepe in swich a wyse
pat no man schal pe wyser of it be
And so we may ben gladit alle pre

(142)

// And pe myn trouthe I haue ryst now of pe
A good conseyt in myn wit as I gesse
And what it is I wele now pat pou se
I pynke to sey pat loue of his goodnesse
Hath pe conuertyd out of pyn wekedenesse
pat pou schal be pe beste post I leue
Of al his day & most his foes greue

(143)

¶ On ensaumpele why se now pese grete clerkys
pat arn aldyr most a-gen a lawe
And ben conuertyd from alle here wekede werkys
pour grace of god pat lyste hem to hym drawe
paune are pey folk pat han god most in awe
And strengest fichid ben I vndyrstonde
And cunnyn an erour aldyr best withstonde

(144)

Whanne Troylus had herd Pandare assentyd. 1002
To ben his help in louynge of Criseyde.
wex of his wo as who seyth vntormentid.
But hotter weex his loue and pus he seyde. 1005
with sobre chere al-pough his herte pleyde.
Now blyssful Venus help er þat I sterue.
Of þe Pandare I may som þank deserue. 1008

(145)

But dere frend how shal myn wo ben lesse. 1009
Til þis be don and good ek telle me þisse.
How wyltow seyn of me and my destresse.
Lest she be wroth þis drede I most I-wysse. 1012
Or nyl not heren or trowen how it ysse.
Al þis drede I. and ek for þe manere.
Of þe here Em she nyl no swych þyng here. 1015

(146)

Quod Pandarus þou hast a ful grete care. [leaf 16, back] 1016
Lest þat þe Cherl wols falle out of þe mone.
whi lord I hate of þe þi nyce fare.
whi entremete of þat þow hast to done. 1019
For goddes loue I bydde þe a bone.
So lat me allone. and it shal be þi beste.
whi frend quod he / now do riht as þe leste. 1023

(147)

But herke Pandare o word for I nolde. 1023
That þow in me wendest so gret folye.
That to my lady I desiren scholde.
That toucheþ harm or ony vilenye. 1026
For dredles me were leuere dye.
Than she of me ought elles vnderstode.
But þat / þat myght sownen yn to gode. 1029

(144)

¶. When Troylus had herd pandare assented 1002
To ben his help in louynge of crissëyde
weex of his wo / as who syth vntormented
But hotter wex his loue and þus he seyde 1005
wiþ sobre chere al-þough his herte pleyde
Now blisful Venus helpe ar þat I sterue
Of þe Pandare I mowe som thanke deserue 1008

(145)

¶ But dere frend how shal my wo be lesse [leaf 12] 1009
Til þis be don / and goode ek telle me þis
how woltow seyn of me and my destresse
Iesse she be wroth / this drede I moost I-wis 1012
Or nyl not here / or trowen howe it is
Al þis drede I / and eke for þe manere
Of þe hyre Em / she nyl no swich þinge here 1015

(146)

¶ Quod Pandarus þow hast a ful grete care 1016
lest þat þe cherl may falle out of þe moone
why lord I hate of þe þi nies fare
why entremette of þat þou hast to doone 1019
For goddes loue I bydde þe a boone
So let malon / and it schal be þi beste
why frend quod he / now do right as þe leste 1022

(147)

¶ But herk Pandare o worde for I nolde 1023
þat þow in me wendyst so grete folye
þat to my lady I desyren scholde
þat toweheth harme or any vilanye 1026
For dredles me were leuere deye
þan she of me aught ellis vndirstode
But þat þat myght sownen in-to goode 1029

(144)

¶ Whan Troylis hadde herd Pandaris assentyd [leaf 18] 1002
To ben his helpe in louynge of cryseyde
Wex of his wo as he sey onturmementyd
But hottere wex his loue & þanne he seyde 1005
With sobre chere as þow his herte pleyde
Now blysful venus help er þan I sterue
Of þ^e Pandare I may sum þank deserue 1008

(145)

// But dere frend how schal myn wo ben lessed 1009
Tyl þis be don & goode ek telle þou me þis
How wilt þow seyn of me & myn distresse
Lest sche be wroþ þis drede I most I-wis 1012
Or nyl not heryn or trowyn how it is
Al þis dred I ek for þ^e manere
Of þe hyre em / sche wyl no swich þyng here 1015

(146)

¶ Quod pandaris þu hast a wol gret care 1016
Lest þat þe cherl / may falle out of þ^e mone
Whe lord I hate of þ^e / þyn nyse fare
Why entermetyst þ^e / of þyng þou hast not to done 1019
ffor goddys loue / I biddle þ^e a bone
So let me a lone & it schal be þyn best
Why frend qud he now do ryzt as þou lest 1022

(147)

// But herke Pandare o word for [1]I ne wolde[1] 1023
þat þou in me wendyst so gret folye [[1]—1 corrected]
þat myn lady. I desyryn schulde
þat touchith harm or ony velenye 1026
ffor dredles me were leuere deþo
þat sche of me ouȝt ellis vndyrstode
But þat þat myȝte sounyn in to goode 1029

(148)

Tho lough þis Pandare & a-noon answered. 1030
And I þi borw / fy / no wyght doth but so.
I rought nought þough þat she stode and herde.
How þat þow seyst but farewel I wole go. 1033
A dieu / be glad / god spede vs boþe two.
yeue me þis labour and þis besynesse.
And of my sped be þyn al þat swetnesse. 1036

(149)

But Troylus gan doun on his knees to falle. 1037
And Pandare yn his armes hent faste.
And seyde now fy on þe Grekes alle.
yet pardo god shal helpe vs at þe laste. 1040
And dredles yf þat my lyf may laste.
And god to-forn / lo som of hem shal smerte.
And yet me of-þynketh þat þis auaunt me a-sterte. 1043

(150)

Now Pandare I kan no more seye. 1044
But þow wys / þow wost / þow mayst / þow art al.
My lyf / my deth / hool yn thyn hond I leye.
Help now quod he / yis by my trouþe I shal. 1047
God yelde þe frend and þis yn special.
Quod Troylus / þat þou me recomaunde.
To here þat to þe deth me may comaunde. 1050

(151)

This Pandarus tho desirous to serue. [leaf 17] 1051
His fulle frend þenne seyde yn þis manere.
Farwel and þenk I wole þi þank deserue.
Haue here my trouthe and þat þou shalt wel here. 1054
And went his wey þenkyng on þis matere.
And how he myght here beseche of grace.
And fynde a tyme þer to and a place. 1057

(148)

¶ To lough þis Pandare and anon answerde 1030
And I þi borugh / fy no wyght doþe but so
I roughte naught þough þat she stode and herde
How þat þow seyste but fare wel I wol go 1033
A dieu / be glad / go saue us bothe two
ȝif me þis labour and þis bysynesse
And of my speede / be þin alle þat swettenesse 1036

(149)

¶ þo Troilus gan doun on knees to falle 1037
And Pandare in his armes hente faste
And seyde / now fy on þe grekes alle
ȝet pardee god schal help us at þe laste 1040
And dredelees if þat my lif may laste
And god to-forne / lo som of hem shal smerte
And ȝet mathynketh þat þis a-vaunte may sterte 1043

(150)

¶ Now Pandare I kanne no more seye 1044
But thow wys / þow wost / þow mayst / þow art alle
My lyf / my deth / hool in þin honde I leye
Helpe now quod he / ȝis by my trouthe I shal 1047
God ȝelde þe frend / and þis in special
Quod Troilus þat þow me recomaunde
To hire þat to þe deeth me may comaunde 1050

(151)

¶ This pandarus tho desyrous to serue [leaf 14, back] 1051
His ful frend / þan seyd in þis manere
Far wele / and thenk I wole þi thank deserue
Haue here my trouthe / and þat þow schalt wele here 1054
And went his wey / þenkynge on þis matere
And how he best myȝte hire beseche grace
And fynde a tyme ther-to and a place 1057

(148)

¶ þo low þis pandarys & a-non answerde 1030
And I þyn borw nonwyt doþ but soo
I rouȝte not þow sche stod & herde
How þat þou seyst but fare wel I wele goo 1033
Adew be glad god spede vs boþe too
ȝif me þis labour & þis besinesse
And of myn sped be þyn al þe swetnesse 1036

[*Leaves* 28 *and* 29 *have been cut out of this MS.*]

(4)

Ye knowe ek þat in forme of speche is chaunge. 22
with-Inne a thousand yer / and wordes tho.
That hadden prys. now wonder nyce and straunge.
Vs thenkeþ hem / and yet þey spak hem so. 25
And sped as wel yn loue as men now do.
Ek for to wynne loue yn sondry ages.
In sondry londes / sondry ben vsages. 28

(5)

And for-thi yf it happe yn ony wyse. [leaf 13] 29
That here þe ony louere yn þis place.
That herkeneth as þe story wole deuyse.
How Troylus com to his lady grace. 32
And þenketh so nold I not loue purchace.
Or wondreth on his speche and his doyng.
I not but it is me no wonderynge. 35

(6)

For euery wyght whiche that to rome went. 36
Halt nat al o path or alwey o manere.
Ek yn some lond were al þe game shent.
If þei ferd yn loue as men don here. 39
As þus in opyn doyng or yn chere.
In vysitynge in forme or seyde-hire sawes.
For-þi men seyth eche contre hath hise lawes. 42

(7)

Ek skarsly ben here yn þis place þre. 43
That han yn loue seyd lyk and don yn al.
For to þi purpos þis may lyken þe.
And þe-right nought yet al is seyd or shal. 46
Ek som men graue in tre some in ston wal.
As it bitit. but syn I haue begonne.
Myn Auctor shal I folwe if I konne. 49

Explicit *prohemium* secundi libri.

(4)

¶ 3e knowe ek þat in forme of speche is chaunge 22
with-Inne a thowsand 3ere and wordes tho
That hadden prys / now wonder nyce and straunge
Vs thynketh hem / and 3ot þai spake hem so 25
And spedde as wele in loue as men now do.
Ek for to wynnen loue in sondry ages
In sondry londes / sondry ben vsages 28

(5)

¶ And for-þi if it happe in any wyse 29
þat here be any louer in þis place
þat herkeneth as þe story wol deuise
How Troylus com to his lady grace 32
And thynketh / so nolde nat I loue purchace
Or wondreth on his speche or his doynge
I not but it is me no wondrynge 35

(6)

¶ For euery wyght wheche þat to rome wente 36
Halt nat o path / or alwey o manere
Ek in some londe were al þe gamen shente
If þat þei ferde in loue as men doon here 39
As þus / in opyn doynge / or in chere
In visitynge / in forme / or seyde hire sawes
For-þi men seyn eche contree hath his lawes 42

(7)

¶ Ek scarsly ben þer in þis place thre [leaf 14, back] 43
þat han in loue seyd lik and done in alle
For to þi purpos þis may liken þe.
Quid þe right naught / 3et all is or schalle 46
Ek some men graue in tree some in stonwalle
As it bitit but syn I haue bigonne
Myn auctour shal I folwen If I konne. 49

Explicit *prohemium secundi* libri.

Incipit liber. Secundus.

(8)

IN may þat moder is of monethes glade.
That freshe floures blew and white and rede.
Ben quyke a-gayn þat wynter dede made. [1 8 altered to 6]
And ful of bawme is fletynge euery mede.
whan Phebus doth his bryghte bemes spredе.
Right yn þe white bole so it bytydde.
As I shal synge on mayes day þe fridde.

(9)

That Pandarus for al his wyse speche. [last 16, back]
Felt ek his Part of loues shotes keне.
That konde he neuere so wel preche.
It made his hewe a day ful ofte grene.
So shop it þat hym felt þat day a tene.
In loue for which yn wo to bedde he went.
And made er it was day ful many a went.

(10)

The swalwe proigne with a sorwful lay.
whan morwe com. gan make here weymentynge.
whi she forshapen was / and euere lay.
Pandare a bedde half yn a slomeryngе.
Til she hym so neigh made here cheterynge.
How Tireux gan forth hire suster take.
That with þe noyse of hem he gan a-wake.

(11)

And gan to calle and dresse hym vp to ryse.
Remembrynge hym his erand was to done.
From Troylus and ek þe gret emprise.
And cast and knew yn good plyt was þe mone.
To don viage and tok weye soone.
Vn to his neces Paleys per by syde.
Now Ianus god of entre thow hym gyde.

Incipit liber secundus.

(8)

IN may þat moder is of monthes gladde
þat fressch[e] floures / blow and white and rede
Ben quike agayne / þat wynter dede made
And ful of bawme is fletynge euery mede
when phebus dothe his bryght[e]-bemes spredе
Ryght in þe white bool it so bytydde
As I shal synge / on mayes day þe thridde

(9)

¶ þat Pandarus, for alle his wyse speche
Felt ek his part of loues shotes keene
þat konde he neuer so wele of louynge preche
It made his hewe a day-ful ofte grene
So shope it þat hym fil þat day a tene
In loue / for whiche in wo to bedde he wente
And made ar it was day ful [1 fil later] many a wente

(10)

¶ So swalwe proignes wip a sorwful lay
whan morwe com / gan make hire waymentynge
whi she for-shapen was / and euere lay
Pandare abedde / half in a slomberynge
Til she so neygh hym made hire chitteringe
How Tryeux gan forth hire suster take
þat with þe noyse of hire he gan a-wake

(11)

¶ And gan to calle / and dresse hym vp to ryse
Remembrynge hym his herand was to done
From Troilus / and eke his grete emprise
And caste and knew in goode plyte was þ' moone
To doon viage and take his way ful soone
Vnto his neces paleys ther bysyde
Now Ianus god of entree pow hym gyde

(12)

Whan he was come vn to his Neces place. 78
wher is my Lady vn to hire folk seyde he.
And þey hym tolde. and he yn forth gan pace.
And fond two opere ladyes sette and she. 81
wiþ-Inne a paued parlour / and þei þre.
Herden a mayden reden hem þe geest.
Of þe sege of þebes while hem leste. 84

(13)

Quod Pandarus mi dame god yow see. 85
with al yowre faire ſlok & al þe companye.
Ey vncle myn welcome y-wys / quod she.
And vp she rös / and by þe hond yn hye. 88
She tok hym fast / and seyde þis nyght þrie.
To good mot it turne of yow I mette.
And with þat word she doun on bench hym sette. 91

(14)

3e nece ye shal fare wel the bet. [leaf 16] 92
If god wole al þis yer quod Pandarus,
But I am sory I haue yow let.
To herken of youre book ye preysen þus. 95
For goddes loue what seith it telle it vs.
Is it of loue som good ye me lere.
Vncle quod she youre maystresse is not here. 98

(15)

With þat þei gonnen laughe and she seyde. 99
This romaunce is of Thebes þat we rede.
And we han herd how þat the kyng Layus deyde.
Thurgh Edyppus his sone and al þat dede. 102
And here we stenten at þese lettres rede.
How þe bisshop as þe bok kan tells.
Amphiorax fyl þurgh þe ground to helle. 105

(12)

¶ When he was com vn-to his neces place [leaf 15] 78
where is my lady to hire folk quod he
And þei him tolde / and he forth In gan pace
And fond two oþer ladys sete and she 81
with-Inne a paued parlour and thay þre
Herden a maydyn reden hem þe geeste
Of þe segee of thebes whil hem leste 84

(13)

¶ Quod pandarus / madam god 3ow see 85
with al 3oure faire book / and alle þe compaignye
Ey vncle myn / welcome y-wys quod she
And vp she roos / and by þe hond in hye 88
She took hym fast / and seyd þis nyght thrye
To goode mote it torne / of 3ow I mette
And with þat worde she down on bench hym sette 91

(14)

¶ 3e nece / 3e shal faren wel þe bette 92
If god wole / alls þis 3ere quod Pandarus
But I am sory þat I haue 3ow lette
To herknen of 3oure book 3e preysen þus 95
For goddes loue / what syth it tel it va
Is it of loue / o som goode 3e me leere
Vncle quod she / 3our maistresse is nat heere 98

(15)

¶ With þat þei gonnen laugh / and þo she seyde 99
This Romaunce is of thebes þat we rede
And we han herd / how þat kynge layus deyed
Thorugh Edippus his sone / and al þat dede 102
And heere we stynten at þise letteres rede
How þe byssshop as þe book kan telle
Amphyorax fil þorwh þe grounde to helle 105

[*Leaves* 28 *and* 29 *have been cut out of this MS., Gg.* 4. 27.]

(13)

¶ Madame quod pandaris god 3ow se [leaf 30] 85
With al 3oure bok & al þe cumpanye
Ey vnkele quo sche god 3ow saue & se
And vp sche ros & bi þ^e hond in hye 88
Sche tok hym faste & seyde þis nyȝt þrye
To goode mote it turne of 3ow I mette [1—1 corrector]
And with þat word sche doun on bench [1]hym sette[1] 91

(14)

// 3a nede 3o schul fare wel þ^e bette 92
3yf god wil al þis 3yr qud Pandarus
But I am sori þat I haue 3ow lette
To herkyn on 3oure bok þ^e pryse þus 95
ffor goddis loue what seith it telle it vs
It is of loue or sum good 3e me lere
Vnkele quod sche 3oure maystresse is not here 98

(15)

¶ With þat þey gurne lawhe & þo sche seyde 99
þis romaunce is of þebes þat we rede
And we han herd how þat kyng layes deyede
þour Edippus his sone and al þat dede 102
And here we stentyn at þis lettere rede
How þ^e bischop as þ^e bok tellith
Amphiorax fal þour þ^e ground to helle 105

(16)

Quod Pandarus al þis knowe I my selue. 106
And al þe assege of Thebes and al þe care.
For herof ben þere maked bokes twelue.
But lat be þis and telle me how ye fare. 109
Do wey youre barbe and shewe youre face bare.
Do wey youre book rys vp and late vs daunce.
And lat vs don to may som obseruance. 112

(17)

A god forbede quod she be ye mad. 113
Is þat a wydewes lyf so god you saue.
By god ye make me right sore a-drad.
Ye ben so wylde it semeth þat ye raue. 116
It sat me wel bet ay in caue.
To bydde and rede on holy seyntes lyues.
Lat maydens gon to daunce and yonge wyues. 119

(18)

As euere I þriue quod Pandarus. 120
Yet kowde I telle a þyng to don yow pleye.
Now vncle dere / quod she tel it vs.
For goddes loue is þanne þe assege a-weye. 123
I am of Grekes so ferd þat I deye.
Nay nay quod he as euere mot I þryue.
It is a þyng is worth such fyue. 126

(19)

Ye holy god quod she what þyng is that. [leaf 19, back] 127
what bet þan swych fyue I nay I-wys.
For al þis world ne kan I reden what.
It sholde ben / som Iape I trowe is þis. 130
And but youre seluen telle what it is.
My wit is for to arede it al to lene.
As help me god I not not what ye mene. 133

(16)

¶ Quod Pandarus al þis know I my-selue 106
And alle thassage of Thebes and þe care
For her of ben bokes ther maked Twelue
But lat be þis and tel me how ȝe fare 109
Do wey ȝoure barbe / and swow ȝoure face bare
Do wey ȝour book / ryse vp and lat vs daunce
And lat vs do to may som obseruaunce 112

(17)

¶ I god forbede quod she be ȝe made 113
Is þat a wydowes lyf / so god ȝow saue.
By god ȝe maken me right soore a-drad
Ye ben so wylde / it semeth as ȝe raue 116
It sate me wel bet ay in caue.
To bydde and rede on holy seyntes lyues
lat maydens gon to daunce and ȝonge wyues 119

(18)

¶ As euere thryue I quod þis Pandarus [leaf 15, back] 120
Ȝet koude I telle a thynge to don ȝow pleye
Now vncle deere quod she telle it vs
For goddes loue / is þanne thassege a-weye 123
I am of grekes so ferde that I deye
Nay nay quod he as euere mote I thryue
It is a thynge wel bet þan swiche fyue 126

(19)

¶ Ȝe holy god quod sche / what thinge is þat 127
What bet þan swiche fyue I nay iwis
For al þis worlde ne kan I reden what
It sholde ben / som iape I trow is þis 130
And but ȝoure seluen telle vs what it is
My wit is for thede it al to leene
As helpe me god / I not not what ȝe mene 133

(16)

// Quod pandare al þis knowe I myn selve 106
And al þ^e sege of Thebes & þ^e care
ffor herof be þere makyd bokis twelue
But lat be þis & tel me how ȝe fare 109
Do a-woy ȝoure wimpil & schew ȝoure face bare
Do a-woy ȝoure bok rys vp & lat vs daunce
And lat vs don to may sum obseruaunce 112

(17)

¶ I god forbede quod sche be ȝe madde 113
Is þat a wedewis lyf so god ȝow saue
Ȝe makyn me be iouys sore adradde
Ȝe ben so wilde it semyth as ȝe raue 116
It sat me wel bet ay in a caue
To bidde & rede on holy seyntis lyuys
Lat maydenys gon daunce & ȝonge wyuis 119

(18)

¶ As euere þryue I quod þis Pandarus [leaf 30, back] 120
Ȝit coude I telle a þyng to don ȝow pleye
Now Vnkele dere telle it vs
ffor goddis loue is þanne þ^e sege a-weye 123
I am of grekis aferid so þat I deye
Nay na / quod he al so euere mote I þryue
It is a þyng bettyr þan sweche fyue 126

(19)

// Ȝa holy god quod sche what þyng is þat 127
What bet þan swiche fiue I nay I-wis
ffor al þis word ne can I rede what
It schulde ben sum iape I trowe is þis 130
And but ȝowre selve telle vs what it is
Myn wit is forto arede al til eue
As help me god as I not what ȝe meue [I. B. corrector] 133

(20)

And I youre bourgh ne neuere shal for me. 134
This þing be tolde to yow as mote I þryue.
And why so vncle myn why so quod she.
By God quod he / that wole I telle as blyue. 137
For proudder womman were þere noon on lyue.
And ye it wyste yn al þe toun of troye.
I iape nought as euere haue I ioye. 140

(21)

Tho gan sche Iape more þan byforn. 141
A þousand fold. and doun hire eyen caste.
For neuere sith þe tyme þat she was born.
To knowe þyng desired she so faste. 144
And with a syk she seyde hym at þe laste.
Now vncle myn I nyl yow nowght displese.
Nor axen more þat may do yow disese. 147

(22)

So after þis with many wordes glade. 148
And frendly tales and with mery chere.
Of þis and þat þey pleyede and gunnen wade.
In many an vnkouþe glad and depe matere. 151
As frendes don whanne þei ben met y-fere.
Til she gan axen hym how Ector ferde.
That was þe townes wal and grekes yerde. 154

(23)

Ful wel I þanke god quod Pandarus. 155
Saue yn his arm he hath a litel wounde.
And ek his fresshe broþer Troylus.
The wyse worþi Ector þe secunde. 158
In whom þat al vertu lyst abounde.
As alle trowþe and al gentillesse.
wysdom / honour / fredom / and worþinesse. 161

(20)

¶ And I ȝoure borugh / ne neuere shal for me. 134
þis thynge be told / to ȝow as mote I thryue
And why so vncle myn / whi so quod sche
By god quod he / þat wil I telle as blyue 137
For[1] pruder womman is þare noon on lyue [1 later *interlined*]
And ȝe it wist in al þe town of Troye
I iape nought as euer haue I ioye 140

(21)

¶ Tho gan sche wonder / moore þan byforn 141
A thousand folde / and down hire eighen caste
For neuere siht tyme þat sche was born.
To knowe thynge desired she so faste 144
And with a syhg sche sayde hym atte laste
Now vncle myn / I nyl ȝow nought displese
Nor axen moore þat may do ȝow disese 147

(22)

¶ So after þis with manye wordes gladde 148
And frendely tales / and with mery cheere
Of þis and þat þay playde and gonnen wade
In many an vnkouth glad and deepe matere 151
As frendes doon / when they ben met Ifeere
Tyl she gan axen hym how Ector ferde
That was þe townes wal and grekes ȝerde 154

(23)

¶ Ful wele I þonke it god quod Pandarus 155
Saue in his arme he hath a litil wounde
And eke his freeshe broþer Troylus
The wyse worthy ector þe secounde 158
In whom þat al vertue liste habounde
As alle trouthe / and alle gentillesse
wysdom / honour fredom and worthynesse 161

(20)

¶ And I ȝoure borw ne neuere schal for me 134
þis þyng ben told to ȝow so mote I þryue
And whi so vnkele myn whi so quod sche
By god he seyþ þat wele I telle as blyue 137
ffor proudere woman is þere non on lyue
And ȝe wiste it / ne in þe toun of troye
I iape not so euere haue I ioye 140

(21)

// þo gan sche wonderyn wel more þan be-forn 141
A þousent fold & doun hire eyȝen caste
ffor neuere syn þe tyde þat sche was born
To knowe þyng desired sche so faste 144
And with a sik sche seyde him at þe laste
Now vnkele myn I nil þe not displese
Nor askyn more þat may don ȝow disese 147

(22)

¶ So aftyr þis with manye wordis glade 148
And frendeli talis & with merie chere
Of þis & þat þey pleyede & gone wade
In manye vncouth glad & dep matere 151
As frendis don when þey ben mette in fere
Til sche gan axen hym how ector ferde
þat was þe tounys wall & þe grekys ȝerde 154

(23)

¶ fful wel I þanke god quod þandaris [leaf 31] 155
Saue in his arm he haþ a lytil wounde
And ek his frosche broþer Troilis
þe wise wary ector þe secunde 158
In hom þat vertu euere in[1] lust haþ bounde [corrector]
As al treuthe & al gentillesse
Wisdom honour fredom & worþinesse 161

(24)

In good feyth Em quod she, pat lyketh me. [leaf 29] 162
They faren wel / god saue hem bothe two.
For trewly I hold it gret deynte.
A kynges sone yn armes wel to do, 165
And ben of good condicions per to.
For gret power and moral vertu here.
Is seelde y-seye yn o persone y-fere. 168

(25)

In good feyth pat is seth, quod Pandarus. 169
But be my trouthe pe kyng hath sones tweye.
That is to mene Ector and Troylus.
That certaynly pough pat I shulde deye. 172
They ben as voyde of vices dar I seye.
As ony men pat lyueth vnder pe sonne.
Hire myght is wyde y-knowe and what pey konne. 175

(26)

Of Ector nedeth it no more for to telle. 176
In al pis world ner nys a bettre knyght.
Than he pat is of worthinesse welle.
And he wel more vertu hath pat myght. 179
This knoweth many a wys and worthi wyght.
The same prys of Troilus I seye.
God help me so I knowe not swyche tweye. 182

(27)

Ba god quod she of Ector pat is soth. 183
Of Troylus pe same pyng trowe I.
For dredles men tellen pat he doth.
In armes day by day so worpily. 186
And bereth hym here at hom so gentily.
To euery wight pat alle prys hath he.
Of hem pat me were leuest preysed be. 189

(24)

¶ In goode fayth eem quod she pat liketh me [leaf 18] 162
Thay faren wel god saue hem bathe[2] two [2 *a altered to o*]
For trewliche I halde it grete deyntee
A kynges sone in armes wel to do 165
And ben of goode condicions per-to
For greete power and moral vertue here
Is selde yseyn in o persone l[illegible]ere 168

(25)

¶ In goode faith pat is sooth quod Pandarus 169
But by my trouthe pe kyng hath sones tweye
That is to mene Ector and Troylus
pat certeynly though pat I scholde deye 172
They ben as voyde of vyces dar I seye
As any men that liuen vnder pe sonne
Hyre myght is wyde Iknowe and what pei konne 175

(26)

¶ *Of Ector nedeth it no more for to telle* 176
In al pis world per nys a bettre knyght
pan he pat is / of worthinesse welle
And wel moore vertue hath / pan myght 179
pis knoweth many a wys and worthi wyth
The same prys of Troilus I seye
God help me so / I knowe nat swiche tweye 182

(27)

¶ By god quod she / of Ector pat is soth 183
Of Troilus / the same thyng trowe I
For dredeles men tellen pat he booth
In armys day by day so worthily 186
And beheth hem here at hoom so gentily
To euery wyght that alle prys hath he
Of hem pat me were leuest preysed be 189

(24)

// In good fayp em quod she pat likyp me 162
pey fare wel god saue hem bope to
ffor trewely i holde it gret deynte
A kyngis sone in armys wel to do 165
And ben of goode condiscionnys *perto*
ffor gret power & moral vertu here
Is selde seyn in on persone in fere 168

(25)

¶ In good fayp *pat* is sop quad Pandaris 169
But be myn trouthe pe kyng hap sonys tweye
pat is to mene ector & troylis
pat serteynly pow pat I schulde deye 172
pey ben as voyde of vicis dare I seye
As ony men pat leuyn vndir þ^e sunne
Here myzt is meche knowe & what pey cunne 175

(26)

// Oof ector nedip nouzt *for to telle* 176
In al pe world pere ne is a betere knyzt
As he pat is of worpinesse welle
And he wel more vertu hap pan myzt 179
pis knowith many a wys & worpi wyzt
pe same prys of troylis I seye
So god helpe me I knowe not sweche tweye 182

(27)

¶ By god quod sche of ector pat is sop 183
Of Troylus þ^e same pyng trowe I
ffor dredles men telle *pat* ha dop
In armys day be day so worpily 186
And berith hym at hom here so gentilly
Til euery wyzt pat al pe prys hap he
Of hem pat me were leuest preysed be 189

(28)

Ye-sey right soth y-wys quod Pandarus. 190
For yesterday who-so hadde with hym ben.
He myght haue wondred vp on Troylus.
For neuere yet so pikke a swarm of ben. 193
Ne fleygh as Grekes gonne fro hym flen.
And þorugh þe field in euery wightes ere.
Ther nas no cry but Troylus is here. 196

(29)

Now here now þere he hunteþ hem so faste. [leaf 20, bk] 197
Ther nas but Grekes blood and Troylus.
Now hem he hurte and hem alle down he caste.
Ay where he wente it was arayed þus. 200
He was here deth and lyf and sheld for vs.
That al þat day þere dorste noon withstonde.
whil þat he held his blody sword yn honde. 203

(30)

Therto he is þe frendlyest man. 204
Of gret estat þat euere I saw my lyue.
And wher þat hym lyst best felawship kan.
To suche as hym penketh able for to thryue. 207
And with þat word þo Pandarus as blyue
He tok his leue and seyde .I. wol go henne.
Nay blame haue I myn vncle *quod* she penne. 210

(31)

What eyleth yow to be þus wery soone. 211
And namelych of womman wol ye so.
Nay sitteth down by god I haue to done.
with yow to speke of wisdom er ye go. 214
And euery wight þat was a-boute hem two.
That herd þat gan fer a-wey to stonde.
whil þat þey hadde al þat hem liste yn honde. 217

(28)

¶ Je seye ȝigh sooth ywys quod Pandarus 190
For ȝersterday who so hadde with hym ben
He myghte han wondred vp-on Troilus
For nonere ȝet so thikke a swarm of been 193
Ne fleigh / as-grekes fro hym gonne fleen
And thorugh þe folde in euery wyghtes ere
Thar nas no cry / but Troilus is þare 196

(29)

¶ Now here now þar he hunted hem so faste 197
þer nas but grekes bloode and Troylus
Now he hem hurte and hem alle down he cast
Ay wher he wente / it was a-rayde þus 200
He was hire deth and sheeld and lif for vs
þat as þat day þer dorste noon withstonde
whil þat he held his blody sword in honde 203

(30)

¶ Ther-to he is þe freendlyeste man [leaf 16, back] 204
Of gret estate / þat euere I saugh my lyue
And wher hym liste best felaweschipe kan
To swiche as hym thynketh able for to thriue 207
And *with* þat worde tho Pandarus as blyue
He tooke his leue / and seyde I wol gon henne
Nay blame haue I vncle quod she thenne 210

(31)

¶ what eyleth ȝowe to be thus wery soone 211
And nameliche of *wommen* wol ȝe so
Nay sitheth down by god I haue to done
with ȝow to speke of wisdom er I ȝe 214
And euery wyght that was aboute hem þo
That herd þat gan fer a-wey to stonde
whil þai two hadde alle þat hem liste in honde 217

(28)

¶ Je seyn ryȝt-wel I-wis quod Pandaris [leaf 21, back] 190
ffor þis day who so hadde *with* hym ben
Miȝte han wonderd vp on troylis
ffor neuere ȝit so þikke a swarm of ben 193
No fley as grekys gunne *from* hirs flen
And *þour* þ* feld in euery wiȝtis ere
þere was non cry but troylis is *here*** 196

(29)

// Now here now þat he / huntede hem so faste 197
þer nas but grekis blud & Troylis
Now hym he hitte hym *doun* he cast
Ay where he wente it was a-rayed þus 200
He was here deþ & schild & spere for vs
þat as þat day *here* durste non *with*-stonde
Whil þat he hild his blodi sword in honde 203

(30)

¶ þerto he is þ* frendlyeste man 204
Of gret stat *þat euere* I say myn lyue
And where hym leste best felauschepe can
To swich as hym þynkyþ abele for to þryue 207
And *with* þat word þo pandaris as blyue
He tok his leue & seyde he wolde gon henne
Nay blame haue I myn vnkele *quod* sche *þanne* 210

(31)

// What eylyth ȝow to ben þus wery sone 211
And nameliche of wamen wele ȝe so
Nay sittyþ doun bi god I haue to done
With ȝow to speke of wisdom or ȝe go 214
And *euery* wiȝt *þat* was a-bonte hem to
þat herde þat gan fer awey to stonde
Whil þey to haddyn al þat hem luste on hende 217

(32)

Whan þat here tale al brought was to an ende. 218
Of here estat and of here gouernaunce.
Quod Pandarus now is tyme I wende.
But yet I seye aryseth and lat vs daunce. 221
And cast youre wydwes habit to myschaunce.
what lyst yow þus yow self to disfigure.
Sith yow it tyd þus faire an auenture. 224

(33)

A wel bipought for loue of god quod she. 225
Shal I not wete what ye mene of þis.
No þyng axeth layser quod he.
And eke me wolde muche grene I-wys. 228
If .I. it tolde and yo it toke amys.
yet were it bet my tonge for to stille.
Than sey a soth þat were a-yens youre wylle. 231

(34)

For Nece by þe goddesse Mynerue. [leaf 21] 232
And Iuppiter þat maketh þe ponder ryngе.
And by þe blysful Venus þat I serue.
ye be th[e] womman in þis world dyuynge. 235
with-oute paramours to my wytynge.
That I best loue and lofest am to grene.
And þat ye wete wel yow self I leue. 238

(35)

Ywys vncle quod she grant mercy. 239
Youre frendship haue I founden euere yet.
I am to no man holden trewely.
So muche as yow and haue so litel quyt. 242
And with þe grace of god emforth my wit.
As yn my gilt I shal you neuere offende.
And yf I haue er þis I wol amende. 245

(32)

¶ when þat hir tale alle brought was to an ende 218
Of hyre estate / and of hire gouernaunce
Quod pandarus / now is tyme I wende
But yet I seye / ariseth lat vs daunce 221
And cast youre wydowes habit to myschaunce
what liste yow þus youre self to disfigure
Syn yow is tyd þus fayre an auenture 224

(33)

¶ A wel bythought for luf of god quod she 225
Shal I nat wyten what ye mene of þis
No þis thyng axeth layser þo quod he
And eke me wold nuch grene I-wys 228
If I it tolde / and ye it told a-mys
Yet were it bet my tonge for to stille
þan seye a sooth þat were agenis youre wille 231

(34)

¶ For Nece by þe goddesse Mynerue
And Iuppiter þat maketh þe thonder ryngе
And by þe blysful Venus þat I serue
Ye ben þe womman in this world lyuynge 235
with-owten paramours to my wittynge
þat I best loue / and lothest any to grene
And þat ye weten wele youre self I leue 238

(35)

¶ Ywys vncle quod she grauut mercy
Youre frendship haue I founden euere yit
I am to [no] man holden trewly
So muche as yowe / and haue so litil quyt 242
And with þe grace of god emforth my wyt
As in my gylt I shal you neuere offende
And if I haue or þis / I wol amende. 245

(32)

¶ Whan þat here talk was brouȝt al to an ende 218
Of here estat & of here gouernaunce
Quod Pandarus now is it tyme I wende
But I seye aryseþ & lat vs daunce 221
And cast youre wedewis abite to myschaunce
What list ȝoure self þus to disfygure
Syþe ȝow is tyd so glad an auenture 224

(33)

¶ A wel be-þouȝt for loue of god quod sche [leaf 22] 225
Schal I now wetyn what ȝe mene of þis
No þis þyng askyþ leyser þo quod he
And ek me wolde meche grene I-wis 228
ȝif I it tolde & ȝe it toke amys
ȝit were it bet myn tunge for to stylle
þan seyn a soþ þat were a-gens ȝoure wille 231

(34)

// for nece by þ^e^ goddes Menerue 232
And Iupiter þat makyth þe pondyr to ryngе
þat blyfnl venus þat I serue
ȝe ben þ^e^ woman in þis world leuenge 235
With-outa paramouris as to myn wetynge
þat I best loue & *lofest* am to greue
And þat ȝe wete wel *ȝoure self* I leue 238

(35)

¶ I-wis myn vnkele quod sche grauut mercy 239
ȝoure frenschepe haue I founde euere ȝit
I am to no man holde trewely
So meche as to ȝow & haue so litil quit 242
And with þ^e^ grace of god hens forþ & myn wit
As in myn gilt I schal ȝow neuere offende
And ȝif I haue or þis I wele amende 245

(36)

But for þe loue of god I yow beseche. 246
As ye ben he þat I most loue and truste.
Lat be youre frendly manere speche.
And sey to me youre Nece what yow lyste. 249
And with þat word here vncle a-noon here he keste.
And seyde gladly leue Nece dere.
Tak it for goud þat I shal seye yow here. 252

(37)

With þat she gan hire eyen down to caste. 253
And Pandarus to koghe gan a lyte.
And seyde Nece lo alwey to þe laste.
How-so it be þat som men hem delite. 256
with subtil art hire tales for to endite.
Yet for al þat in here entencioun.
Hire tales is al for som conclusioun. 259

(38)

And sith þe ende is of euery tales strengþe. 260
And þis matere is so by-houely.
what sholde I poynte or drawen it on lenghthe.
To yow þat ben my frend so feithfully. 263
And with þat word he gan right Inwardly.
Byholden here and loke on hire face.
And seyde on suche a mirour good grace. 266

(39)

Thanne þoughte he þus yf I my tale endite. [leaf 21, back] 267
Ought hard or make a proces ony while.
She shal no sauaur han þer-yn but litel.
And trowe I wold hire yn my wyll bygile. 270
For tendre wittes wenen al be wyle
There as þey kan not pleynly vnderstonde.
For-þi here wit to seruen wol I fonde. 273

(36)

¶ But for þe loue of god / I ȝowe be-seche [leaf 17] 246
As ȝe ben he þat I loue moste and triste
Lat be to me ȝoure frende maner speche
And say to me ȝoure nece what ȝowe liste 249
And with þat word hire vncle anoon hire kiste
And sayde gladly loue nece dere
Tak it for goode þat I shal say ȝow here 252

(37)

¶ *with* þat she gan hire eyghen down to cast 253
And Pandarus to koghe gan a lyte
And sayde nece alway lo to the laste
How so it be þat som men hem delite 256
with subtile art hire tales for to endite
ȝet for alle þat in hire entencioun
Hire tale is al [for] som conclusioun 259

(38)

¶ And sithen thende is euery tales strenghte 260
And *þis* matere is so byhouely
what shold I pointe or drawen it on lengthe
To ȝow þat ben my frende so faythfully 263
And *with* þat word he gan right Inwardly
Byholden hire and loken on hire face
And sayde on swich a myroure goode *grace* 266

(39)

¶ þan thought he þus of I may my tale endite 267
Aught hard / or make a processe any while
She shal no sauour han þar-In but lyte
And trowe I wolde hire in my wil bygile 270
For tendere wittes wenen al be wyle
þer as þey kan nat pleynly vnderstonde
For-þi hire witte to seruen wol I fonde 273

(36)

// But for þ^e loue of god I schal ȝow be-seche 246
As ȝe ben he I most loue & trust
Let ben to me ȝoure frendely manere speche
And sey to me ȝoure nece whhat ȝow lyst 249
And *with* þat word hire vnkele a-non hire kyst
And seyde gladly leue nece dere
Take it for gode þat I schal seyn ȝow here 252

(37)

¶ *With* þat sche gan hire eyȝyn doun to caste 253
And Pandaris to couhe[1] gan a lyte [1 couye *altered to* couhe]
And seyde nece alwoy lo to þ^e laste
How so it be þat sum men hem delyte 256
With sotyl art here talys to endite [2 This leaving-out of the g is now Lancashire, says Prof. Skeat. He has heard Mr. Gladstone do it.]
ȝit for al þat in here entencioun
Here tale is al for sum conclusioun 259

(38)

¶ And syþe þ^e ende is *euery* talis strenthe[2] [leaf 22, back] 260
And þis matyr is so behouely
What schulde I it pente or drawe it on lenthe[2]
To ȝow þat ben myn frend so feyþfully 263
And *with* þat word he gan ryȝt inwardly
By-heldyn hire & lokyn on hire face
And seyde on swich a merour good grace 266

(39)

// þanne þouȝte he þus ȝif I myn tale endite 267
Ouȝt hard or make a proces ony while
Sche schal non sauour han þerin but lite
And trowe I wolde here in myn wil begile 270
for tendere wittys wenyn al be wile
Where as þey kan not pleyn vndirstonde
ffor þy hire wit to serue wele I fonde 273

(40)

And loked on here yn a besy wyse 274
And she was war þat he byheld here so.
And seyde lord so ye me auyse.
Sey ye me neuere er now what sey ye no. 277
Yes yes quod he and bet wole er I go.
But be my trowþe I þought now yf ye.
Be fortunat. for now men shal it se. 280

(41)

For to euery wight som goodly auenture. 281
Som tyme is shape if he it kan receyuen.
And yf þat he wole take of it no cure.
whan þan it cometh but wylfully it weylen. 284
Lo neyþer cas nor fortune hym deseyuen.
But right his verray slouþe and wrecchednesse.
And swych wyght is for to blame I gesse. 287

(42)

Good aventure o bele Nece haue ye. 288
Ful lightly founden if ye konne it take.
And for þe loue of god and ek of me.
Cache it a-noon lest auenture slake. 291
what sholde I lengere proces of it make.
Yif me youre hond for yn þis world is noon.
If þat you lyst a wyght so wel begon. 294

(43)

And sith I speke of good entencioun. 295
As I. to yow haue told wel here toforn.
And loue as wel youre honour and renoun.
As creature yn al þis world y-born. 298
By alle þe oþes þat I haue to yow sworne
And ye be wroth þerfore and wene I lye.
Ne shal I neuere seen yow eft with eye. 301

(40)

¶ And loked on hire in a bysy wise 274
And she was ware þat he byhelde hire so
And sayd lord so faste ȝe mauyse
Sey ȝe me neuere or now what sey ȝe no 277
ȝis ȝis quod he and bett wol er I go
But by my trowthe I thougth now If ȝe
But fortunat / for now men shal it se 280

(41)

¶ For to euery wight som goodly auenture 281
Som tyme shape if he it kan receyuen
And if þat he wol tak of it no cure
when þat it cometh but wilfully it weyuen 284
Loo noyther cas nor fortune hym deceyuen
But right his verray slouthe and wrechednesse
And swich a wight is for to blame I gesse 287

(42)

¶ Goode auenture o beale nece haue ȝe [leaf 17, back] 288
Ful lightly founden and ȝe kanne it take
And for þe loue of god and ek of me
Catche it anon leste auenture it slake 291
What shold I longer processe of it make
ȝif me ȝoure hond for in þis world is noon
If þat ȝow liste a wyght so wel bigone 294

(43)

¶ And sith I speke of goode entencion 295
As I to ȝow haue tolde wele here biforne
And loue as wel ȝoure honour and renown
As creature in al þis world yborne 298
By alle þe othes þat I haue ȝow sworne
If ȝe be wroth þer-for or wene I lye
Ne shal I neuere sen ȝow eft with eighe 301

(40)

¶ And lokyd on hire in a besy wise 274
And sche was war þat he be-hild here so
And seyde lord so faste ȝe me auyse
Sey ȝe me neuer er now what sey ȝe no 277
ȝis ȝis quod he & bet wale er I go
But be my treuthe I þouȝte not ȝif ȝe
Ben fortunat for now men schal it se 280

(41)

// ffor to eueryche wight sum goodliche auenture 281
Sumtyme is scape ȝif he it can receyue
And ȝif he ne wil take of it no cure
Whan þat it comyth but wilfully it weyue 284
Lo neyþer cas ne fortune him disseyue
But riȝt his owene slouthe & wrechedenes
And swich a wiȝt is for to blame I ges 287

(42)

¶ Good auenture bele nece haue ȝe 288
Ful lyȝtely founde & ȝe cunne it take
And for þe loue of god & ek of me
Tache it a-non lest auenture slake 291
What schulde I lengere proces of it make
ȝif me ȝoure hond for in þis world is non
ȝif þat ȝow lyst a wyȝt so wel-be-gon 294

(43)

¶ And syþe I speke of good entencioun [leaf 33] 295
As I to ȝow h[a]ue told ȝu here be-fore
And loue as wel ȝoure honour & renoun
As criatour in al þis world I-bore 298
By al þe oþis þat I haue ȝow swore
And ȝe ben wroþ þerfore or wene I lie
Ne schal I neuere se ȝow eft with eyȝe 301

(44)

Beth nought a-gast ne quaketh not wher to. [Dares] 302
Ne quaketh not for fere so youre hewe.
For hardely þe werste of þis is do
And þough my tale as now be to yow newe. 305
Yet trist alwey ye shal me fynde trewe.
And were it lyng þat me boughte vnsittynge.
To yow nold I no suche tales brynge. 308

(45)

Now good Em for goddes lough þi prey. 309
Quod she / com of / and telle me what it is.
For bope I am agast what ye wole seye.
And ek me longeth it to wyte y-wys. 312
For wheþer it be wel or be amys.
Sey on lat me not yn þis fere dwelle.
So wol I don / now herkeneth I shal yow telle. 315

(46)

Now nece myn þe kynges dere sone. 316
The good / wyse / wörthi / fressh / and fre.
which alwey for to do wel is his wone.
The noble Troilus so loueth þe. 319
That bot-ye helpe it wol his bane be.
Lo here is al-what sholde I more seye.
Doth what yow lyst to-make hym lyue or deye. 322

(47)

But yf-þow late hym deye I wolé sterue. 323
Haue here my trouþe Nece I nel not lye.
Al sholde I with þis knyf myn owene throte kerue.
with þat þe teres brast out of his eyen. 326
And seyde yf þat ye doon vs bope deyen
Thus giltéles þan haue ye fyssched faire.
what mende ye though þat we bope apeyre. 329

(44)

¶ Beth nought agast ne qwaketh wher-to[1] 302
Ne chaungeth nought for fer so 3oure hewe
For hardely þe werste of þis is do [1 þ wh *underdotted for omission*]
And though my tale as now be to 3ow newe 305
3et trist alwey 3e shal me fynde trewe
And were it thynge þat me thought vnsittynge
To 3ow wold I no swich[e] tales brynge 308

(45)

¶ Now goode Em for goddes loue I preye 309
Quod she / com of and tel me what it is
For both I am a-gast what 3e wil seye
And ek me longeth it to wite I-wis 312
For whether it be wel or be amys
Sey on / lat me not in þis fer[e] dwelle
So wol I don now herkeneth I shal telle 315

(46)

¶ Now nece myn this kynges dere sone 316
þe goode wyse / worthy fresshe and free
which alwey for to don wel is his wone
The noble Troilus so lousth tha 319
þat but 3e helpe it wol his bane be
Lo here is alle what shold I more seye
Doth what 3ow list to mak hym lyue or deye 322

(47)

¶ But If 3e lat hym deye I wol sterue 323
Haue here my trowth nece I nyl nought lyē
Al schold I with þis knyf my throte kerue
with þat þe teres bruste oute of his eighen 326
And seyd If þat 3e don vs both deyen
þus giltéles þan haue 3e fisshed faire
what mende 3e If þat we bothe apayre 329

(44)

¶ Beþ not a-gast ne quakyþ not wherto 302
Ne changith nought for fare so 3oure hewe
for hardeli þ[e] werste of þis is do
And þow myn tale as now be to 3ow newe 305
3it trist alwey 3e schul me finde trewe
And were it þat me þouste vnsittynge
To 3ow wolde I non swich tale brynge 308

(45)

¶ Now myn em for goddis loue I preye 309
Quod sche cum of & tel me what it is
for both I am a-gast what 3e wil seye
And ek me longith it to wetyn I-wis 312
for wheþer it be wel or be amys
Sey on let me not in þis fere dwelle
So wil I don now herkenyth I schal telle 315

(46)

// Now nece myn þ[e] kyngis dere sone 316
þ[e] goode wise worþi frosch & fre
Which alwoy for to don well is wone
þ[e] noble troilis so sore louyþ þ[e] 319
þat but 3e loue his bane it wele be
Lo here is al what schuldo I more seye
Do what 3ow lust to make him lyue or deye 322

(47)

¶ But 3if 3e late him deye I wele sterue 323
Haue here myn trouthe nece I nil not lyen
Al schulde I with his knyf myn þrote keruen
With þat þ[e] teris brostyn out of hise eyzen 326
And seyde 3if þat 3e don vs bope deyen
þus giltéles þanne haue 3e fiched fayre
What mende 3e o þow we beþ[e] a peyre 329

(48)

Allas he whiche þat is my lord so dere.
That trewe man þat noble gentil knyght.
That nought desireth but youre frendly chere.
I se hym deye þere he goth vp right.
And hasteþ hym with al his fulle myght.
For to be slayn yf fortune wole assente.
Allas þat god yow swich a beaute sente.

(49)

If it be so that ye so cruel be. [leaf 23, back]
That of his deth yow lyst nought to recche.
That is so trewe and worþi as ye se.
Normore þan of a Iapere or a wrecche.
If ye be swych youre beaute may not strecche.
To make amendes of so cruel a dede.
Auysement is good by-fore þe nede.

(50)

Wo worth þe faire gemme vertules
wo worth þat herbe also þat doth no bote.
wo worth þat beaute þat is rouþelees.
wo worth þat wight þat tret eche vnderfote.
And ye þat ben of beaute crop and rote.
And þerwith-al in you þere be no rouþe.
Than is it harm þat ye lyuen by my trouþe.

(51)

And also þenk wel þat þis is no gaude.
For me were leuere þow and I and he.
were hanged þan I sholde be his baude.
As hoyghe as men myghte on vs alle y-se.
I am þyn Em þe shame were to me.
As wel as þe yf þat I sholde assente.
Thorugh myn abet þat he þyn honour shente.

(48)

¶ Allas he whiche þat is my lord so deere [leaf 18]
þat trew man þat noble gentyl knyght
þat naught desyred but ȝoure freendely cheere
I se hym deyen þer he gothe vp right
And hasteth hym with alle his ful myght
For to ben slayn if his fortune assente
Allas þat god ȝow swich a beaute sente

(49)

¶ If it be so þat ȝe so crwel be
þat of his deth ȝow liste nat to reche
þat is so trewe and worthy as ȝe se
Namore þan of a Iapere or a wreche
If ȝe be swiche ȝoure beaute may nat streche
To mak amend of so cruwel a dede
Auysemente is good bi-fore þe nede

(50)

¶ Wo worth þe faire comme vertuelees
wo worth þat herb also þat doth no boote
wo worth þat beaute þat is routheles
wo worth þat wyght þat tret ech vnder foote
And ȝe þat be of beaute crop and roote
If þer-with-al in ȝow þer be no routhe
þanne is it harm ȝe lyuen by my trouthe

(51)

¶ And also thynke wel þat is no gaude
For me were leuere that thow and I and he
were hanged þan I shold ben his baude
As heigh / as men on vs alle y-see
I am þin Em the shame were to me
As wel as þe If þat I sholde assente
Thorwgh myn abet þat he þin honour shente

(48)

¶ Allas ne wich þat is myn lord so dere
þat trewe man þat nobele & worþi knyȝt
þat nouȝt desirith but ȝoure frendeli chere
I se hym dye þere þat he goþ vp ryȝt
And hastyþ him with alle his fulle myȝt
ffor to be slayn / ȝif fortune wil asent
Allas þat god ȝow swich a beaute sent

(49)

// ȝif it be so þat ȝe so crewel be
þat of his deþ ȝe liste not to reche
þat is so trewe & worþeli as ȝe se
No more þan of a iapere or a wreche
ȝif ȝe ben swich ȝoure beute may not streche
To make an ende of so crewel a dede
Auysement is good be-fore þ° nede

(50)

¶ Wo worþi þe fayre gom vertules
Wo worþi þat erbe þat doþ no bote
Wo worþi þat beute is reutheles
Wo worþe þat wiȝt þat tret vch vndir fote
And ȝe þat ben of beute crop & rote
ȝif þerwithal in ȝow ne be no reuthe
þanne is it harm ȝe liuyn be myn treuthe

(51)

// And also þynkyth wel þat it is no gaude
ffor me were leuere þou & I & he
Were hangit þan I schulde ben his baude
As hye as men myȝte on vs alle se
I am þyn em þ° schame were to me
As wele as ȝe ȝif þat I schulde asent
þour myn a-bek þat he þyn honour schent

(52)

Now vnderstonde for I yow nought requere. 358
To bynde yow to hym borugh no behest.
But oonly þat ye make hym bettre chere.
Than ye han don er þis and more feste. 361
So þat his lyf be saued at þe leste.
This al and som and playnly oure entente.
God helpe me so I neuere oþer mente. 364

(53)

Lo þis request is not but skyle resonable. 365
Ne doute of reson parde is þere noon.
I sette þe worste þat ye dredden þis.
Men wolden wondren so hym come or gon. 368
Ther a-yenis answere I þus a-noon.
That euery wyght but he be fel of kynde.
wol deme it loue of frenship yn his mynde. 371

(54)

Who wole deme bough he se a man. [leaf 23] 372
To temple go þat he þe ymages eteth.
Thenk ek how wysely þat he kan.
Gouerne hym self þat he no þyng forzeteth. 375
That wher he cometh he prys and þank hym geteth.
And ek per-to he shal come here so selde.
what fors were it bough al þe town beheldo. 378

(55)

Swych loue of frendes regneth al þis town. 379
And wre yow yn þat mantel euere mo.
And god so wys be my sauacioun.
As I haue seyd youre beste is to do so. 382
But alwey good nece to stynte his wo.
So lat youre daunger sucred ben a lyte.
That of his deth ye be nought to wyte. 385

(52)

¶ Now vnderstonde fore I nought requere 358
To bynd yow to hym thorwgh no beheste
But conly þat ye mak hym bettere chere
Than ye han don or þis and moore feste 361
So þat his lyue be saued at þe leste
This al and som and pleynly oure entente
God help me so I neuere other mente 364

(53)

¶ Loo þis requeste is nought but skyl I-wis 365
No doute of reson pardee is þer noon
I set þe werste þat ye dreden thys
Men wold wondren sen hym come or goon 368
þer azeyn answere I þus anone
þat euery wyght but he be fool of kynde
wol deme it loue of frenshippe in his mynde 371

(54)

¶ What wo wol demen though he se a-man [leaf 23, bk] 372
To temple go / þat he þe ymages ettheth
Thynke / ek how wel and wysely þat he kan
Gouern hym self þat he no thynge forzeteht 375
þat where he comth he prys and panke hym geteht
And ek per-to he shal come here so selde
what fors were it though al þe town biheld 378

(55)

¶ Swich loue of frendes regneth al his town 379
And were yow in þat mantel euere moo
And god so wys be my sauacioun
As I haue seyde / youre best is to do soo 382
But alway good nece to stynte his wo
So lat youre daunger sucred ben a lyte
þat of his deth ye ben not to wyte 385

(52)

¶ Now vndyr-stond for I now not require 358
To bynde yow to him bour non beheste
But only þat ye make hym bettyr chere
þan ye han don or þis & more festis 361
So þat his lyf be saued at þ^e leste
þis al and sum & pleynli oure entente
God help me so / I neuere oþer mente 364

(53)

¶ Lo þis request is not but skil I-wis [leaf 24] 365
Ne doute of treason parde is þere non
I sette þ^e werste þat ye dredde þis
Men woldyn wonderyn to sen hym comyn & gon 368
þere azen answere I þus a-non
þat euery wigt but he be fol of [illegible]
Wele deme it lohe or frenschepe in his mende 371

(54)

// What who wele deme þow he se a man 372
To temple gon / þat he þ^e emagis ettyþ
þynk ek how wel & wisely þat he can
Gouernyn him self þat he no þyng forzetith 375
þat where he comyth he pris & þank him getiþ
And ek perto he schal come here so selde
What fors were it þow al þ^e toun be-helde 378

(55)

¶ Swich loue of frendis regnyth pour al þis toun 379
And wri zow in þat mentil euere mo
And god so wis be myn sauacious
As I haue seyd þ^e best is to don so 382
But goode nece alwoy to stynte his wo
Lat zoure daungere sword bende a-lite
þat of his dep ze ben not for to wite 385

(56)

Criseyde which þat herd hym yn þis wyse. 386
Thought I shal fele what he meneþ y-wys.
Now Em quod she what wole ye deuyse.
what is youre red I shal don of þis. 389
That is wel seyd quod he certeyn best is.
That ye hym loue-a-yen for his louynge.
As loue for loue is skylful guerdonynge. 392

(57)

Thenk ek how elde wasteþ euery houre. 393
In eche of yow a partie of beauute.
And þerfore er age þe deuoure.
Go loue for olde / þer wil no wight of þe. 396
Lat þis prouerbe a lore vn-to yow be.
To late y-war quod beaute whan it paste.
And elde daunteth daunger at þe laste. 399

(58)

The kynges fool is woned to cryen lowde. 400
whan that hym þenketh a womman bereth here heighe.
So longe mot ye lyue and alle prowde.
Til crowes feet ben growen vnder youre eye. 403
And sende yow þanne a myrrour yn to prye.
In which ye may se youre face a morwe.
Nece I bidde wisshe yow no more sorwe. 406

(59)

With þis he stente and caste a-down þe hed. [leaf 23, back] 407
And she bygan to brest a wep a-noon.
And seyde allas for wo why nere I ded.
For of þis world þe feyth is al agon. 410
Allas what shulde straunge to me don.
when he þat for my best frend y wende.
Bet me to loue and shold it me defende. 413

(56)

¶ Creseyde which þat herd hym in þis wyse 386
Thoughte I shal feelen what he mene I-wys
Now Em quod she what wold ȝe deuyse
what is ȝoure rede I shold don of þis 389
þat is wel seyde quod he certeyn best is
þat ȝe hym loue certeyn for his louynge
As loue for loue is skylful guerdonynge 392

(57)

¶ Thynk ek how elde wasteth euery houre 393
In eche of ȝow a partye of beauute
And þer-for er þat age þe deuoure
Go loue / for olde þer wol no wyght of þe 396
Lat þis prouerb a lore vnto ȝow be
To lat I-war quod beauute when it is paste
And elde daunteht daunger at þe laste 399

(58)

¶ The kynges fool is wonte to [1] cryen lowde [1 cryen] 400
when þat a womman berth hire heighe
So longe mote ȝe lyue and alle proude
Tyl crowes feete be grow vnder ȝoure eigh 403
And sende ȝow þanne a myrour in to prye
In whiche ȝe may se ȝoure face a morw
Nece I bydde wysshe ȝow no more sorw 406

(59)

¶ with þis he stynte and caste a-dowyn þe hed 407
And she be-gan to breste a wepe a-none.
And seyd allas for wo / why nere I dede
For of þis world þe feith is al a-gone 410
Allas what sholden straunge folke [2] to me don [2 folke, later]
when þat for my best freend I wende
Let me to loue and shold it me defende 413

(56)

// Cresseide which þat herde him in þis wyse 386
Now I schal fele what ȝe [1] mene I-wys [1—1 corrector]
Now em quod sche what wolde ȝe deuyse
What is ȝoure red I schulde don of þis 389
þat is wel seyd serteyn quod he best is
þat ȝe hym loue a-ȝin for his louyng
As loue for loue / is skilful guerdonnyng 392

(57)

¶ þink ek how eld wastyþ euery oure 393
In eche of ȝow a parti of beaute
And þerfore er þat age þ' deuoure
Go loue for old. þere wole no wiȝt of þ' 39[illegible]
Lat þis prouerbe a lore onto ȝow be
To late war quod beaute whan it paste
And olde dauntyþ daunger at þ' laste 399

(58)

¶ þe kyngis fol is wone to crye froude [leaf 24, back] 400
Whan þat hym þynkith a woman berith hire hie
So longe mote ȝe leuen & alle proude
Til crowis fet hem waxen vndir ȝoure eyen 403
Whi sende ȝow þanne a mereur in to preyen
In wich ȝe may se ȝoure face a morwe
I bidde with / ȝow no more sorwe 406

(59)

// With þis he stint & cast a-doun his hed 407
And sche be-gan to breste & wepe a-non
And seide allas for wo whi nere I ded
for of þis world þ' feith is al a-gon 410
Allas what schulde straunge men to me don
Whan he þat for myn beste freind I wende
Rediþ me to loue / & schulde it me defende 413

(60)

Allas I wold han trusted douteles. 414
That yf þat I þurgh myn disauenture.
Had loued oþer hym or Achilles.
Ector or ony mannes creature. 417
Ye nold han had no mercy ne mesure.
On me. but alwey had me in repreue.
This false world allas who may it leue. 420

(61)

What is þat al þe Ioye and al þe feste. 421
Is þis youre red is þys my blysful cas.
Is þis þe verray mede of youre behest.
Is al þis peynted proces seyd allas. 424
Right for þis fyn O lady myn pallas.
Thow yn þis dredful cas for me purueye.
For so astonyed am I þat I deye. 427

(62)

With þat she gan ful sorwfully to syke. 428
Ay may it be no bet quod Pandarus.
By god I shal nomore com here þis wyke.
And god to-forn þat am mystrusted þus. 431
I se ful wel þat ye sette lite of vs.
Or of oure deth. allas I woful wrecche.
Might he yet lyue of me is nought to recche. 434

(63)

O cruel god .o. dispitous Marte. 435
O furyes þre of helle on yow I crye.
So lat me neuere out of þis hous departe.
If þat I mente harm or ony vylonye. 438
But sith I se my lord mot nedes dye.
And I with hym here I me shryue and seye.
That wikkedly ye don vs boþe deye. 441

(60)

¶ Allas I wold han tristed douteles [leaf 19] 414
þat if þat I thorugh my disauenture
Hadde loued outher hym or achilles
Ector / or any mannes creature 417
Ȝe nold han had no mercy ne mesure
On me / but alwey had me in repreue
þis fals world allas who may it leue 420

(61)

¶ what is this al the Ioye and alle þe feeste 421
Is this ȝoure rede / is þis my blysful cas
Is þis þe verray mede of ȝoure byheste
Is alle þis peinted proces seyde allas 424
Ryght for þis fyn o lady myn pallas
Thow in þis dredeful cas for me purueye
For so astoned am I that I deye 427

(62)

¶ with þat she gan ful sorufully to syke 428
A may it be no bet quod Pandarus
By god I shal na more com here þis wyke
And god to-forne þat am mystrested þus 431
I se ful wele þat ȝe sette lyte of ys
Or of oure deth allas I woful wreche
Myght he ȝit lyue / of me is nought to reche 434

(63)

¶ O [þou] cruel god / o dispitouse marte 435
O furies // thre / of helle on ȝow I crye
So lat me neuere / out of þis house departe
If þat I ment harm / or any vilanye 438
But sith I se my lord moote nedes deye
And I with hym here I me shryue and seye
þat wikkedly ȝe don vs bothe to deye 441

(60)

¶ Allas I wolde a trustid douteles 414
þat ȝif þat I þour myn dis-auenture
Hadde louyd him or ell[1] achilles [1 = ellis]
Ector or ony manys creature 417
Ȝe nylde an had non mercy ne mesure
On me but alwoi me in repreue
þis false world allas ho may it leue 420

(61)

// What is þis al þ^e^ ioye & al þ^e^ feste 421
Is þis ȝoure red is þis myn blisful cas
Is þis þ^e^ veray mede of ȝoure be-heste
Is al þis peyntede proces seid allas 424
Ryȝt for þis fyn o ladi myn pallas
þow in dredful cas for me purueye
for so a-stonid am I þat I deye 427

(62)

¶ With þat sche gan ful sorwefulli to sike 428
O may it ben no bet quod pandaris
By god I schal no more comyn here þis wike
And god to-forn þat I am mystrostid þus 431
I se wel þat ȝe sette lite of vs
Or of oure deþ allas I woful wreche
Miȝt he ȝit liue of me is not to reche 434

(63)

¶ O cruel god O dispituse marte [leaf 25] 435
O furies yre of helle on ȝow I crye
So lat me neuere out of þis hous departe
Ȝif þat I mente harm or welany 438
But syþ^e^ I se myn lord mote nede dey
And I with hym here I me schriue & seye
þat wekedeli ȝe don vs boþ^e^ deye 441

(64)

But sith it lyketh yow þat I be ded. [leaf 24] 442
By Neptunus þat god is of þe se.
Fro þis forth shal I neuere eten bred.
Til I myn owen herte blod may se. 445
For certaynly I wole dèye as sone as he.
And vp he sterte and on his weye he raughte.
Til she hym a-gayn by þe lappe caughte. 448

(65)

Criseyde which þat wel neigh starf for fere. 449
So as she was þe ferfulleste wyght.
That myght be and herde ek with here ere.
And saw þe sorwful ernest of þe knyght. 452
And in his preyere eke saw noon vnright.
And for þe harm þat myghte ek fallen more.
She gan to rewe / and dradde hire wonder sore. 455

(66)

And þoughte þus vnhappes falles þikke. 456
Alday for loue and in such manere cas.
As men ben cruel yn hem self and wykke.
And yf þis man ale here hym self allas. 459
In my presence / it wyl be no solas.
what men of hit wold deme I kan not seye.
It nedeth me ful sleyly for to pleye. 462

(67)

And with a sorwful syk she seyde þrie. 463
A lord what me is tyd a sory chaunce.
For myn estat now lyth in Iupartie.
And ek myn Emes lyf lyth yn balaunce. 466
But naþeles with goddes gouernaunce.
I shal don so myn honour shal I kepe.
And ek his lyf and stynte for to wepe. 469

(64)

¶ But sith it liketh ȝow þat I be dede 442
By neptunus þat god is of þe see
Fro þis forth shal I neuere eten brede
Vnto I myn own hertys[1] blode may see [[1] hertys, later] 445
For certein I wol deye as sone as he
And vp he sterte / and on his way he raughte
Til she agayn hym by þe lappe [2]kaughte [[2] a later y has been put here] 448

(65)

¶ Criseyde wyche þat wel neigh starf for[3] fere 449
So[4] as she was þe ferefullest wight [[3] a later pure, [4] a later eke, put in]
þat myght be and herd ek with hire ere
And saught þe soruful hernest of þe knyght 452
And in his preyers saughe eke[5] noon vn-right [[5] eke, later]
And for þe harme þat myght ek fallen more
She gan to rew / and dredded hire wonder sore 455

(66)

¶ And thought þus vnhappes fallen thykke [leaf 19, back] 456
Alday for loue / and in swiche manere cas
As men ben cruel in hem self and wykke
And if þe man sle here hem self allas 459
In my presaunce / it wol be no solas
what men wolde of it deme / I kan nat seye
It nedeth me ful sleughtely for to pleye 462

(67)

¶ And with a sorwful syk she seyde threye 463
A lord what me is tyd a sory chaunce
For myn estate lith now in a Iupartye
And ek myn emes lyf is in balaunce 466
But natheles with goddes gouernaunce
I shal so done / myn honour shal I kepe
And ek his lyf / and stynte for to wepe 469

(64)

But sip[e] It like ȝow þat I be ded 442
Be neptunus þat god is of þ[e] se
ffrom þis forþ / schal I neuere ete bred
Til I myn ouene herte blod may se 445
ffor sorteyn I wele deie as sone as he
And vp he stirte & on his waye he rauȝte.
Til sche a-geyn him [1] by the lappe cauhte.[1] [[1] corrector] 448

(65)

¶ Crisseyde which þat wol ner sterf for fer 449
So as sche was þ[e] sorwefuleste wiȝt
þat myȝte be & herde ek with hire ere
And say þ[e] sorweful ernest of þ[e] knyȝt 452
And in hise preieris ek say non on-riȝt
And for þ[e] harm þat myȝte ek falle more
Sche gan to rewe & dredde hire wondir sore 455

(66)

// And þouȝte þus vnhappis falle þekke 456
Alday for loue & in swich a maner cas
And men ben crewel in hem self & weke
ffor ȝif þis man sle hire hym self allas 459
In myn presence it wele be no solas
What men wolde of it don I can not seye
It nediþ me ful sleli for to pleie 462

(67)

¶ And with sorweful sike seide þrie 463
A lord what me is tid a sori chaunce
ffor myn estat lith in iupardie [[1] lyth altered to lyf, t dotted out]
And ek myn emis lyf[1] in a balaunce 466
But neuere þ[e] les with good gouernaunce
I schal so don I schal myn honour kepe
And ek his lyf & stinte for to wepe 469

(68)

Of harmes two þe lesse is for to chese. 70
Yet haue I leuere maken hym good chere.
In honour / þan myn Emes lyf to lese.
ye seyn. ye no þyng elles me requere. 473
No y-wys quod he myn owene Nece dere.
Now wel quod she and I wol don myn peyne.
I shal myn herte a-yens my lust constreyne. 476

(69)

But that .I. nyl not holden hym yn honde. [leaf 24, back] 477
Ne loue a man ne kan I not ne may.
A-yens my wil but elles wol I fonde.
Myn honour sauf plesen hym fro day to day. 480
Ther-to nold I nought onys haue seyd nay.
But þat I drede as yn my fantasye.
But cesseþ cause ay cesseth maladye. 483

(70)

And here I make a protestacioun. 484
That yn *þis* proces yf ye deppere go.
That certaynly for no saluacioun.
Of yow. þough þat ye sterue boþe two. 487
Though al þe world on o day be my foo.
Ne shal I neuere on hym han other rouþe.
I graunte wel quod Pandarus by my trouþe. 490

(71)

But may I trust wel þer-to quod he. 491
That of *þis* þyng þat ye han hight me here.
Ye wol it holden trewly vn-to me.
Ye doutles quod she myn vncle dere. 494
Ne þat I shal han cause in þis matere.
Quod he to pleyne. or ofter yow to preche.
why no par de / what nedeth more speche. 497

(68)

¶ Of harmes two þe lesse is for to cheese 470
Ȝet haue I leuere maken hym goode chere
In honour þan myn emes lyf to lese
Ȝe seyn / ȝe no thynge elles me requere 473
No wys quod [he] myn ow[e]n nece dere
Now wel quod she and I wel don my peyne
I shal myn herte aȝeynist my liste constreyne 476

(69)

¶ But þat I nyl not holden hym in honde 477
Ne loue aman ne kan I naught ne may
Aȝeyns my wyl but elles wol I fonde
Myn honour saufe plesen hym fro day to day 480
þer-to nold I nat ones seyde nay
But þat I drede as in my fantasye
But cesse cause ay cesseth maladye 483

(70)

¶ And here I make a protestacioun 484
þat in þis processe If ȝe depter go
þat certanly for no sauacion
of ȝow / though þat ȝe sterue both[e] two 487
Though al þe world on a day be my fo
Ne shal I neuere on hym han other rowthe
I graunt wele quod Pandarus by my trouthe 490

(71)

¶ But may I truste wele þer-to quod he 491
þat of þis thynge þat ȝe han hight me here
Ȝe wol it holden trewly vn to me
Ȝe trewly quod she myn vncle deere 494
Ne that I shal han cause in þis matere
Quod he // to plyne or efter ȝow to preche
why no pardee what nedeth more speche 497

(68)

¶ Of harmis too þ^e lasse is for to chese[1] [leaf 35, back] 470
Ȝit hadde I leuere to makyn him good chere [1 so corrector]
In honour þan myn Emys lif to lese
Ȝe seyn ȝe noþing ell me requere 473
No wis he seith myn owene nece dere
Now wel quod sche & I wele don myn peyne
I schal myn hest a-ȝen myn lust constreyne 476

(69)

// But þat I nyl not holdyn him in honde 477
Ne louyn no man þat can no wiȝt ne may
A-ȝen his wil but ell wil I fonde
Myn honour saue plese hym from day to day 480
þerto nolde .I. not onis sey nay
But þat I drede as in myn fantasie
But sese cause þan seseþ þ^e maladye 483

(70)

¶ But here I make a protestacioun 484
þat in þis mater ȝif ȝe deppere go
þat serteynli for no sauacioun
Of ȝow þow ȝe sterue boþe to 487
þow al þ^e world on oo day be myn fo
Ne schal I neuere on him han oþer reuthe
I graunte wel quod Pandaris be myn treuthe 490

(71)

// But I may troste wel to ȝow quod he 491
þat of þ^e þing þat ȝe han hiȝt me here
Ȝe wele & it holdyn trorwely here
Ȝa douteles quod sche myn vnkele dere 494
Ne þat I schal han cause in þis matere
Qud he to pline ne aftir ȝow to preche
Whi no pardee what nedith more speche 497

(72)

Tho fillen þei yn othere tales glade. 498
Til at þe laste o good Em quod she þo.
For his loue which þat vs bohe made.
Tel me how first ye wysten of his wo. 501
wot noon of hit but ye he seyde no.
kan he wel speke of loue quod she I preye.
Tel me / for I þe bet me shal purueye. 504

(73)

Tho Pandarus bygan for to smyle. 505
And seyde by my troupe I shal yow telle.
This oþer day nought go ful long while.
In with þe paleys gardyn by a welle. 508
Gan he and I wel half a day to dwelle.
Right for to speken of an ordenaunce.
How we þe Grekes myghte disauaunce. 511

(74)

Soone after that bygonne we to lepe. [leaf 25] 512
And casten with oure dartes to and fro.
Til at þe laste he seyde he wolde slepe.
And on þe gres a-down he leyde hym þo. 515
And I þer-after gan romen to and fro
Til þat I herd as þat I welke allone.
How he bygan ful wofully to grone. 518

(75)

Tho gan I stalke softly hym by-hynde. 519
And sikerly þe sope for to seyne.
As I kan-clepe ayen now to my mynde.
Right þus to loue he gan hym for to pleyne. 522
He seyde lord haue roupe on my peyne.
Al haue I ben rebel yn myn entente.
Now. mea culpa. lord I me repente. 525

(72)

¶ Tho fillen they in oothere tales gladde [leaf 25] 498
Tyl at þe laste o goode Em quod she tho
For his loue whiche þat vs bothe mode
Tel me how firste ȝe westen of his woo 501
Woote noon of it but ȝe he seyde no
Kan he wel speke of loue quod she I preye
Tel me / for I þe bet me shal pleye 504

(73)

¶ Tho Pandarus a litil gan to smyle[1] [¶ [1] MS. smyle] 505
And seyde by my trowthe I wol ȝow telle
þis oother day naught gon ful longe while
In whiche þe paleys gardyn by a welle 508
Gan he and I wel half a day to dwelle
Ryght for to speke of an ordynaunce
How we þe grekes myghten disauaunce 511

(74)

¶ Soone after þat bigonne to lepe 512
And casten with oure dartes to and fro
Til at þe laste he seyde he wold slepe
And on þe gres a-down he layde him tho 515
And I þer-after gan roman to and fro
Til þat I herde as þat I welke allone
How he bygan ful wofully to grone 518

(75)

¶ Tho gan I stalke softely by-hynde 519
And sykerly þe sothe for to seyne
As I kan clepe ayeyn now to my mynde
Right þus to loue he gan hym for to pleyne 522
He seyde lord haue routhe vp on my peyne
Al haue I ben rebel in myn entente
Now mea culpa lord I me repente 525

(72)

¶ þo fellyn ȝit in opere talis glade 498
Til at þe laste o goode em quod sche þo
ffor loue of god which þat vs bope made
Tel me how first ȝe wistyn of his wo 501
Wot not of it but ȝit ȝe seide no
Can he wel speke of loue I-ȝow preie
Tel me/for I-ȝe bet me schal purueie 504

(73)

¶ þo pandarus a litil gan to smy [leaf 26] 505
And seyde be myn treuthe I schal ȝou telle
þis operday not gon full long while
With-inne þe paleis gardyn be a-welle 508
Gan he & I wel half a day to dwelle
So fer to speken of an ordenaunce
Howe we þe grekis myȝtyn don disauenaunce 511

(74)

// Sone affir þat begunne for to lepe 512
And castyn with oure dartis to & fro
Til at þe laste he seide he wolde slepe
And on þe gres a-doun he leid hym þo 515
And I affir gan rome to & fro
Til þat I herde as þat I welk a lone
How þat he gan ful wofully to grone 518

(75)

¶ þo gan I stalke him softeli be-hinde 519
And sckirli þe sope for to seyne
As I can clepe a-ȝen to-myn mynde
Ryȝt þus to louyn he gan him for to pleyne 522
He seide lord haue mercy of myn peyne
Al haue I ben rebel in myn entent
Now mea culpa lord I me repent 525

(76)

O god þat at þi disposicioun. 526
Ledest þe fyn by Iuste purueyaunce.
Of euery wyght my lowe confessioun.
Accepte in gre / and sende me swych penaunce. 529
As liketh þe but from desesperaunce.
That may my gost departe a-wey fro þe.
Throw be my sheld for þy benignite. 532

(77)

For certes lord so sore hath she me wounded. 533
That stod in blak wyth lokyng of here eyen.
That to myn hertes it is I-sounded.
Thorugh whiche I wot þat I mot nedes deyen. 536
This is þe worste I dar me not by-wryen.
And wel þe hottere ben þe gledes rede.
That men hym wrien with asshe pale and dede. 539

(78)

Wiþ þat he smot a-down his hed a-noon. 540
And gan to motre I not what trewly.
And I a-wey wiþ þat stille gan to gon.
And let þer-of as no thyng wyst hadde I. 543
And come a-yen a-noon and stod hym by.
And seyde a-wake ye slepen al to longe.
It semeth not þat loue doth yow longe 546

(79)

That slepen so that no man may yow wake. (leaf 25, back) 547
who sey euere or þis so dul a man.
Ye frend quod he ye do yowre hedes ake.
For loue / and lat me lyuen as I kan. 550
But þough þat he for wo was pale and wan.
yet made he þo as fressh a contenaunce.
As þough he shulde haue led þe newe daunce. 553

(76)

¶ O god þat at þy dispocioñ 526
Ledest the fyn by Iuste puruelaunce
Of euary wight my lowe confession
Accepte in grce / and send me swich penaunce 529
As liketh þe / but from desesperaunce
þat may my goost departe away fro þe
Thow be my shelde for þi benignite 532

(77)

¶ For certes lord so sore hath she me wounded 533
þat stoode in blake *with* lokynge of hire eigheñ
That to myn hertis botme it is I-sownded
Thorugh wiche I woote I moote nedes dyen 536
This *is* þe werste I dar me nat wryen
And wel þe hootter ben þe gledes rede
þat men hem wren wiþ asshen pale and dede 539

(78)

¶ with þat he smote his hed a down a non (leaf 20, back) 540
And gan to motre I not what trewely
And I with þat gan stille away gone
And lete þer-of as no thynge wyste hadde I 543
And come agein anon and stode hym by
And seyde a-wake ze slepen alle to longe
It semeth nat þat loue doth zow longe 546

(79)

¶ þat slepen swo þat no man may zow wake 547
who sey euere or þis so dul a man
ze frend quod do ze zoure heddes ake
For loue / and lat me lyuen as I kan 550
But though þat he for wo was pale and wan
Yet made he þo as fresshe a contenaunce
As though he schold have led þe new daunce 553

(76)

// O god þat at þyn dispocicioun 526
Ledest þ* fyn be iuste puruisunce
Of euery wiȝt myn lowe confessioun
Accepte in gre & sende me swich pen[a]unce 529
As likiþ þ* but *from* desperaunce
þat may myn gost departe awoy *from* þ*
þou be myn schild for þyn benygnete 532

(77)

¶ ffor certis lord so sore haþ sche me woundet 533
þat stod in blak *with* lokyng of hire eyȝen
þat to myn herteis botome it is foundit
þour which I wot þat me muste nedis deyen 536
þis is þe werste I dar me not be-wreien
And wel þ* hattere ben þ* gleden rede
þat men hem wrien *with* asschin pale & dede 539

(78)

¶ *With* þat he smot his hed a-doun a-non (leaf 24, back) 540
And gan to motere I not what treweli
And I wiþ þat gan stille awoy to gon
And let þerof as no þing wost hadde I 543
And come a-geyn a-non & stod hym bi
And seide a-wake ȝe slepin al to longe
It semyth me nouȝt þat loue doþ ȝow longe 546

(79)

// þat slepin so þat no man may ȝow wake 547
Ho say or þis euere so dul a man
ȝa frend qud he doþ ȝe ȝoure hedis ake
For loue & lat me leuin as I can 550
But þow þat he for loue was pale & wan
ȝit made he þo as frosch a cuntenaunce
As þow he schulde a led þe newe daunce 553

(80)

This passede forth til now þis oþer day.
It fel þat I come romynge al allone.
Into a chaumbre and fond how þat he lay.
Vp on his bed but man so sore grone.
Ne herd I neuere and what þat was his mone.
Ne wyst I nought for as I was comynge.
Al sodeynly he lefte his compleynynge.

(81)

Of which I toke somwhat suspecion.
And ner I come and fond he wepte sore.
And god so wys be my saluacioun.
As neuere of þyng ne hadde I rouþe more.
For neiþer with engyn ne with no lore.
Vneþes myght I fro þe deth hym kepe.
That yet *fele* I myn hert for hym wepe.

(82)

And god wot neuere sith þat I was born.
was I so busy no man for to preche.
Ne neuere to wyght so depe was I-swórn.
Or he me tolde who myght ben his leche.
But now to yow rehersen al his speche.
Or alle hise woful wordes for to sowne.
Ne byd me not but ye wol do me swone.

(83)

But for to sane his lyf and elles nought.
And to noon harm of yow þus am I dreuen.
And for þe loue of god þat hath vs wrought.
Swych chere hym doth that he and I may lyuen.
Now haue I plat to yow myn herte schryuen.
And syn ye wot þat myn entent is clene.
Tak hede þer-of for I noon yuel mene.

(80)

¶ This passed forth tyl now þis oþer day
It felle þat I come romynge al allone
In to his chaumber / and fonde how þat he lay
Vp on his bedde / but man so sore grone
Ne herde I neuere and what þat was his mone
Ne wyste I nought for as I was comynge
Al sodeynly he lefte his compleynynge

(81)

¶ Of which I toke somwhat suspecion
And ner I come and fond he wepte soore
And god so wys be my sauacioun
As neuere of thynge had I no rowthe more
For neyther with engyn ne with no lore
Vnnethes myght I hym fro þe deth kepe
þat 3et fele I myn herte for hym wepe

(82)

¶ And god woot neuere sith þat I was borne
was I so busi no man for to preche
Ne neuere was to wyght so depe sworne
Or he me told / who myghte ben his leche
But now to 3ow rehersen al his speche
Or al his woful wordes for to sowne
Ne byd me naught / but 3e wol seme swone

(83)

¶ But for to saue his lyf and elles nought
And to no harme of 3ow þus am I dryuen
And for þe loue of god þat vs hath wroght
Swuche chere hym doth þat he and I may lyuen
Now haue I plat to 3ow myn herte screuyn
And sith 3e woot þat myn entent is clene
Take hede þer-of for I non euel mene

(80)

¶ þis passed forþ til now þis oþer dèy
It fel þat I cam romynge al a lone
In to his chaumbir & fond how þat he lay
Vp on his bed but man so sore grone
Ne herde I not ne what þat was his mone
No wiste I not for as I was comynge
Al sodeynly he lefte his compleynynge

(81)

// Of wich I tok sumwhat suspecioun
And ner I come & fond he wepte sore
And god so wis be myn sauacioun
As euere of þing hadde I not routhe more
for noþer with engyn ne with lore
Onneþis myste I from þe deþ him kepen
þat 3it fele I myn herte for hym wepyn

(82)

¶ And god wot neuere siþe þat I was borne
Was I so besi no man for to preche
Ne neuere was to wyst so depe I-sworne
Or he me told he myste ben his leche
But now to 3ow rehersin al his speche
Or alle hise woful wordes for to sunne[1]
Ne biddeþ me not but 3e wele sen me swounne

(83)

¶ But for to saue his lyf or eli nouȝt [*leaf 87*]
And to non harm of 3ow þus I dreuyn
And for þe loue of god þat vs haþ wrouȝt
Swich cher him doþ þat he & I may leuyn
Now haue I plat to 3ou myn herte schreuyn
And siþe 3e wetyn þat myn entent is clene
Takyth hede þeroff for I non euyl mene

(84)

And right good thryft I pray to god haue ye. [lat 28] 582
That han swych on y-caught with-oute net.
And be ye wys as ye ben faire to se.
wel yn þe ryng/ þan is þe ruby set. 585
There were neuere two so wel I-met.
whanne ye ben his al hool as he is youre.
Ther myghty god yet graunte vs se þat oure. 588

(85)

Nay þerof spak I not quod she. 589
As helpe me god ye shenden euery del.
O mercy dere nece a-noon quod he.
what so I spak I mente nought but wele. 592
By mars þe god þat helmed is of stel.
Now beth nought wroth my blod my nece dere.
Now wole I quod she / foryeuen be it here. 595

(86)

With þis he tok his leue and home he wente. 596
And lord he was glad and wel bygon.
Criseyde a-ros no lengere she ne stente.
But straught in to hire closet went a-noon. 599
And sette here down as stille as ony ston.
And euery word gan vp and down to wynde.
That he hadde seyd as it come here to mynde. 602

(87)

And was somdel astonyed yn here þought. 603
Right for the newe cas / but whanne þat she.
was ful avised tho fond she right nought.
Of peril why she ought a-ferd be. 606
For man may loue of possibilite.
A womman so his herte may to-breste.
And she nought loue a-yen but yf here leste. 609

(84)

¶ And right good thryft I pray to god haue ȝe 582
That han swich oon I-caught with-outen net
And be ȝe wys as ȝe ben fayr to se
wel in þe ringe than is the ruby set 585
Þer were neuere two so wele ymet
when ȝe ben his al hole as he is ȝoure
Þer myghty god graunt vs þat se þat houre 588

(85)

¶ Nay þer-of speke I nought ha a-quod she 589
As helpe me god ȝe shenden euery dele
O mercy dere nece a-non quod he
what so I spake I mente nought but wele 592
By mars þe god þat helmed is of stele
Now beth nought wroth my blode my nece dere
Now wol I quod she forȝeuen be it here 595

(86)

¶ with þis he toke his leue and home he wente 596
And lord he was glad and wel bygon
Criseyde aros no longer she ne stente
But streght in to hire closet wente anon 599
And set hire down as stille as any stone
And euery word gon vp and down to wynde
Þat he had seyde as it come hire to mynde 602

(87)

¶ And was somdele astoned in hire thought 603
Right in þe new cas but when þat she
was ful auysed / tho fonde she right nought
Of peril / why she aught a-ferde be 606
For man may loue of possibilite
A womman so his hert may to-breste
And nought loue aȝeyn but if hire liste 609

(84)

// And ryȝt good þrift I preie to god haue ȝe 582
Þat haþ swich on lauȝt with-oute net
And be ȝe wyse as ȝe ben fayr to se
Wel in þ^e ryng þan is þe robe set 585
Þere were neuere to so wel I-met
Whan ȝe ben his alhol as he is ȝoure
Þere myȝti god ȝit grau[n]te vs sen þat oure 588

(85)

¶ Nay þerof speke I not ha ha quod sche 589
As helpe me god ȝe schendyn euerydel
A merci dere nece a-non quod he
What so I speke I mente not but wel 592
By maris þ^e god þat helmyd is of stel
Now beþ not wroþ myn blod myn nece dere
Now wel quod sche forȝouyn be it here 595

(86)

// With þat he tok his leue & hom he wente 596
Ȝe lord how he was glad & wel be-gon
Cresseyde aros & neuere sche ne stente
But streit in to here closet sche wente a-non 599
And sette hire doun as stille as ony ston
And euery word gan vp & doun to wende
Þat he hadde seid as it come hire to mynde 602

(87)

¶ And wex sumdel a-stonyd in hire þouȝt 603
Ryȝt for þ^e newe cas but whan þat sche
Was ful auysed þo fond sche ryȝt nouȝt
Of periel whi þat sche auȝte a-ferd for to be 606
ffor man may loue of possibilite
A woman so his herte may to-breste
And sche not love aȝyn but ȝif sche leste 609

(88)

But as she sat allone and þoughte þus.
Asery aros at skarmyssh al with oute.
And men cryede in þe *strete* se Troylus.
Hath right now put to flyght þe Grekes route.
with *þat* gan al here meyne for to shoute.
A go we se. cast vp þe yates wyde.
For þurgh *þat* strete he mot to palays ryde.

(89)

For oþer weye is þer-to the yate noon. [leaf 20, back]
Of Gardanus þer vp on is þe cheyne.
with þat come he and al his folk a-noon.
An esy pas rydynge yn routes tweyne.
Right as his happy day was soth to seyne.
For which men say may nought disturbed þe.
That shal by-tyden of necessite.

(90)

Thus Troylus sat on his bay stede.
Al armed save his hed ful richely.
And wounded was his hors and gan to blede.
On whiche he rod a pas ful softely.
But swych a knyghtly sight trewely.
As was on hym was nought wip-outen faile.
To loke on mars þat god is of batayle.

(91)

So lyk a man of armes and a knyght.
He was to sen fulfild of heigh prowesse.
For bope he hadde a body and a myght.
To don þat þyng as wel as hardynesse.
And eke to sen hym yn his gere hym dresse.
So fressh / so yong / so weldy semed he.
It was an heuene vp-on hym for to se.

(88)

¶ But as she sat allon and thought thus
Asery aroos at scarmich alle with-oute
And men cried in þe strete se Trollus
Hath right now put to flyght þ^e grekes route
with þat gan al fire meyne for to shoute
A gow we se / caste vp the gates wyde
For thorwgh þis strete he moote to paleys ryde

(89)

¶ For oother way is to þe gate noon
Of dardanus pere open is þe cheyne
with þat come he and alle his folke anon
An hesy pace / rydynge in routes tweyne
Right as happy day was sothe to seyne
For wiche men seyne may nought distourbed be
That shal bytyden of necessite

(90)

¶ Thus Troilus sat on *his* bay steede [leaf 21, back]
Alle armed saue his hed ful richly
And wonded was his hors / and gan to blede
On wiche he roode / a pase ful softely
But swiche a knyghtly sighte / trewly
as was on hym / was nought *with*-outen faile
To loke on mars / þat god is of batayle

(91)

¶ So like aman of armes / and a knyght
He was to sen / fulfild of heigh prowesse
For bothe he hadde a body / and a myght
To don þat thynge / as wele as hardynesse
And ek to sen hym / in his gere hym drisse
So fressh so *3ong* / so weldy / semed he
It was an heuen / vp on hym for to se

(88)

¶ But as sche sat a lone & seyde þus [leaf 21, back]
þe acry a-ros at scharmus al *with*-oute
And men triedyn in þ^e strete se Troylis
Hap rist now put to fleyht þ^e-grekys route
With þat gan al hire mene for to shoute
A go we sen cast vp þ^e 3atis wyde
[. . . . . .]

(89)

ffor oþer weye is from þ^e 3atys non
Of dardannis þervp-on is þ^e cheyne
With þat come he & al his folk a-non
An esi pas rydynge in routys tvene
Ryȝt as his happi day was soþ to seyne
ffor wich men seyn may not disturbit be
þat schal betydyn of necescite

(90)

¶ þis Trollis vp on *his* bay3e stede
Al armed saf hys heued ful rychely
And wounded hys hors & gan [1]for to blede[1] [1—1 *corrector*]
On quych he rod a pas ful softely
But swich a knystely syȝte treweli
As was on hym was nouȝt *with*-outyn fayle
To lokyn on mars *þat* god is of batayle

(91)

// So lik a man of armys & a knyȝt
He was to sen fulfild of hey prowesse
ffor bope he hade a bodi & a myȝt
To don *þat* þyng as wel as hardynesse
And ek to sen hym in his ger hym dresse
So frosch *so 3ong so* worþi semede he
It was an heuene vp-on him for to se

(92)

His helm to-hewe was yn twenty places.
That by a tissew heng his bak byhynde.
His sheld to-dashed was with swerdes and maces.
In which men myghte many an arwe synde.
That prilled hadde horn and nerf and rynde.
And ay þe peple cryede here comeþ oure Ioye.
And nexst his brother holdere vp of Troye.

(93)

For which he wex a litel red for shame.
whan he þe peple vp-on hym herde cryen.
That to biholde it was a noble game.
How sobrelyche he caste doun his eyen.
Crisseyde gan al his chere aspien.
And let it so softe yn hire herte synke.
That to hire seluen she seyde who yaf me drynke.

(94)

For of here owene þought she wex al red [last MS]
Remembrynge here right þus lo þis is he.
which þat myn vncle swereth he mot be ded.
But I on hym haue mercy and pite.
And wiþ þat bought for pure a shamed she.
Gan yn here hed to pulle and þat as faste.
whil he and al þe peple forth by paste.

(95)

And gan to casten and rollen vp and down.
with Inne here þought his excellent prowesse.
And his estat and also his renoun.
His wit [his] shap and ek his gentillesse.
But most hire fauour was for his distresse.
was al for here / and þought it was a roupe.
To slen swych on yf þat he mente trouþe.

(92)

¶ His helme to-hewen was / in twenty places
þat by a tyssew henge / his bak by-hynde
His shelde to-dashed was / *with* swerdes and maces
In which men myght / many a narwe synde
þat thyrled hadde horn / and nerf and rynde
And ay þe peple criede / here comyth oure Ioye
And nexte his broþer / holdere vp of Troye.

(93)

¶ For which he wex / a litel rede for schame
when he þe pepla / vp on hym herd crien
þat to by-holde / it was a noble game
How sobreliche / he caste down his eighen
Crisseyda gan / al his chere aspyen
And leet so softe / it in hire herte synken
þat to hire self / she seyde who þaf me drynken

(94)

¶ For of hire owene thought she wex al rede
Remembrynge hire right þus / lo þis is he
wich[1] þat myn vncle swerth he moot be dede
But I on hym haue mercy and pite
And with þat thought for pure ashamed she
Gan in hire hed to pulle and þat as faste
while he and alle þe peple forby paste

(95)

¶ And gan to caste and rollen vp and down
with-in hire thought his excellent prowesse
And his estat / and also his renoun
His wit his shappe and ek his gentilnesse
But moost hire favour was for his destresse
was al for hire and thought it as a rowthte
To slane swich con If þat he mente trouthe

(92)

¶ His helm to-hewyn was in twenti placis
þat in a tissen bēng his bak by-hynde
His schēld to-dast *with* swerdis & *with* macis
In wych men myȝte mane an arwe feynde
þat þerled hadde hed & nerf & rynde
And ay þ^e^ peple cryed here comyþ oure ioyȝe
And next his broþer holdyn vpe of Troye

(93)

¶ ffor which he wex a litil red for schame [last MS] 645
Whan he so herde þ^e^ peple on hym cryen
þat to beholde it was a nobele game
Cresseide gan al his cher aspyen
And let so softe it in hire herte synkyn
þat to hire self sche seide ho ȝaf me drynken

(94)

// ffor of hire owene þought sche wex al red
Remembrynge hire ryȝt þus lo þis is he
Wych þat myn vnkele swerith he myȝte be ded
But I on hym haue merci & pete
And *with* þat þouȝt for pure schamyd sche
Gan in hire hed to pullyn & þat as faste
Whil he & al þ^e^ pepil forþi past

(95)

¶ An gan to castyn & rollyn vp & doun
With-inne hire þouȝt his excellent pruesse
And his estat & also his renoun
His wit his schap & ek his gentillesse
But hire fauour was for his distresse
Was al for hire & þouȝte it were a reuthe
To sle swichon ȝif þat he myȝte in trouthe

(96)

Now myghte som envyous Iangle þus. 666
This was a sodeyn loue how myght it be
That she so lyghtly loueda Troylus.
Right for þe firste ayght ye parde. 669
Now who so seyth so mote he neuere þe.
For euery þyng a gynnyng hath it nede.
Er al be wrought with-outen ony drede. 672

(97)

For I say nought þat she so sodeynly. 673
Yaf hym here loue / but þat she gan enclyne.
To lyke hym first and I haue told yow why.
And after þat his manhod and his pyne 676
Made loue with-Inne hire for to myne.
For which by proces and by good seruice,
He gat here loue and in no sodeyn wyse. 679

(98)

And also blisful Venus wel arayed. 680
Sat in here seuenethe hows of heuene þo.
Disposed wel and wiþ aspectes payed.
To helpen sely Troilus of his wo. 683
And soth to seyn she nas not al a fo.
To Troilus in his natiuyte.
God wot that wel þe sonner speddе he. 686

(99)

Now lat vs stynte of Troylus a prowe. [leaf 87, back] 687
That rideth forth and late vs tourne faste.
Vn-to Criseyde þat heng here hed ful lowe.
Ther as she sat allone, and gan to caste. 690
wher on she wolde a-poynt hire at þe laste.
If it so were hire Em ne wolde cesse.
For Troilus vp-on here for to presse. 693

(96)

¶ Now myghte som envyous Iangle thus [leaf 87] 666
þis was a sodeyn loue how myghte it be
þat she so ligh[l]ly loues Troylus
Right for þe firste sight ze parde 669
Now who seith so mote he neuere ythe
For euery thynge a gynnyng hath it nede
Er alle be wrought with-outen any drede 672

(97)

¶ For I sey nought þat she so sodeynly 673
3af hym hire loue but þat she gan enclyne
To like hym firste and I haue tald 3ow why
And efter þat his manhod and his pyne 676
Made loue with-Inne hire for to myne
For which by proces and by goode seruyse
He gat hire loue and in no sodeyn wyse 679

(98)

¶ And also blisful Venus wel arayed 680
Sat in hire seuenthe hous of heuene tho[1] (1 two altered last)
Disposed wel and with appetites payed
To helpen sely Troilus of his wo 683
A soth to seyn she nas nat al a fo
To Troilus in his Natiuitee
God woot þat wele þe sonner spedde he 686

(99)

¶ Now lat vs stynte of Troilus a throwe 687
þat rideth forth and lat vs torne faste
Vn to crisseyde / þat henge hire hed ful lawe
þer as she sat allone / and gan to caste 690
wher-on she wold a-poynte hire at þe laste
If it so were hire Em ne wold cesse
For Troilus vp on hire for to presse 693

(96)

¶ Now myght som envyous Iangele þus 666
þis was a sodeyn loue how myȝte þis be
þat sche þus lyȝteli lovede Troylus
Ryȝt for þe ferste ayȝt ȝe parde 669
Now ho so seith so neuere mote he þe
flor euery þyng of gynnyng haþ it nede
Or it be wrouȝt with-outyn ony dredе 672

(97)

¶ flor I seȝ not þat schȝ so sodeynly 673
ȝaf him here herte but þatsche gan enclyne
To lyke hyng fyrst & I haue told ȝow why
And efftyr þat his manhod & his pyne 676
Made loue with-inne hire for to myne
For wich be proces & be good seruyse
He wan hire loue & in non-sodeyn wise 679

(98)

¶ And also blisful venus / wel arayed [leaf 88, back] 680
Sat in hire seuente hous of heuen þo
Disposed wel & with aspectis payed
To helpe seli troylis of his wo 683
And soþ to say sche nas not al a fo
To Troylis in his natiuite
God wot þat wel þ' sonere spedde he 686

(99)

Now lat vs stinte of troylis a prowe 687
þat ridyþ forth & lat vs turne faste
Vn to Cresseyde þat hing hire hed so lowe
Þere as sche sat a lone & gan to cast 690
Wheron sche wolde-a-poynt hire at þe last
3if þat so were hire em wolde not sese
flor Troylus vp on hire for to prece 693

(100)

And lord so she yn þought gan to argue. 694
In þis matere. of which I haue yow told.
And what to done best were & what eschue.
That plitede she ful ofte in many folde. 697
Now was hire herte warm now was it colde.
And what she þoughte somwhat shal I write.
As to myn Auctor lysteth for to endite. 700

(101)

She þought wel þat Troylus persone 701
She knew by sight and ek by gentillesse
And thus she seyde al were it nought to done.
To graunte hym loue / yet for his worþynesse. 704
It were honour with pley and with gladnesse.
In honeste / with swych a lord to dele.
For myn estat / and also for his hele. 707

(102)

Ek wel wot I my kynges sone is he. 708
And sith he hath to se me swych delit.
If I wolde vttirly his sight fle.
Paraunter he myght haue me yn dispit. 711
Thurgh which I mygh stonde in worse plyt.
Now were I wys me hate to purchace.
with-outen nede þere I may stonde in grace. 714

(103)

In euery þyng I wot þere lith mesure. 715
For þough a man forbede dronkenesse.
He nought for-bet þat euery creature.
Be drynklees / for alway as I gesse. 718
Ek for me sith I wot is al his distresse.
I ne ought not for þat þyng hym despise.
Sith it is so he meneth in good wyse. 721

(100)

¶ And lord so sche ganin hire thought argue. 694
In þis matere of which I haue ȝow tolde
And what to done best were and what eschuwe
þat plyted she ful ofte in many folde 697
Now was hire hert warm now was it colde
And what she thought som what schal I wryte
As to myn auctour listeth for tendite. 700

(101)

¶ She thought wel þat Troilus persone 701
She knewe by sight and ek his gentilnesse
And þus she seyd al were it not to done
To graunt hym loue ȝet for his worthinesse 704
It were honor with pleye and with gladnesse
In honeste with swich a lord to dele
For myn estat / and also for his hele 707

(102)

¶ Ek wel wot I my kynges sonne is he [leaf 22, back] 708
And sith he hath to se me swich delite
If I wold outreliche his sighte flee
Paraunter he myght haue me in dispite 711
Thorwgh which I myght stond in worse plite
No were I wis me hate to purchace
with-outen nede ther I may stonde in grace 714

(103)

¶ In euery thynge I wote þer lith mesure 715
For though aman forbede dronkennesse
He naught forbet þat euery creature
Be drenkynlees for alway as I gesse 718
Ek sith I wote for me is his destresse
I ne aught nat for þat thyng hym dispice
Sith it is so he meneth in goode wyse 721

(100)

¶ And lord how sche gan in hire þouȝt argue 694
Of þis mater of which I haue ȝow told
And what to done best & what to eschewe
þat pleytede sche ful ofte in manye a fold 697
Now was hire herte warm now was it cold
And what sche þoute sumwhat schal I write
Al for myn autour leste for to endite 700

(101)

// Sche þouȝte ek þis / þat Troilus persone 701
Sche knew be seyth & ek bi gentillesse
And seide þus al were it not to done
To graunte him loue ȝit for his worþynesse 704
It were honour with play & gladnesse
In honeste with swich a lord to dele
ffor myn estat & also for his hele 707

(102)

¶ Ek wel wot I myn kyngis sone is he 708
And seyþ he hath to se me swich delite
ȝif I wolde vttirliche his siȝt fle
Perauenture he myȝt han me in dispit 711
þour which I myȝte stondyn in worse plyȝt
Now were I wis myn hate to purchase
With-outyn nede þere I may stonde in grace 714

(103)

¶ In euery þyng I wot þere lyȝt mesure [leaf 23] 715
ffor þow a man forbede dronkenes
He nouȝt forbede þat euery creature
Be drynkeles for alwoy as I gesse 718
Ek soþ I wot for me is his distresse
I ne auȝte not for þat þing hym dispise
Syþe it is so he leuyth in good wise 721

(104)

Eke .I. knowe of long tyme a-gon. [leaf 35] 722
Hise powes goode and þat she is not nyse.
Ne auauntер certeyn seyth men is he non.
To wys is he to do so gret a nyse. 725
Ne als I nel hym neuere so cherishe.
That he may make avaunt by Iuste cause.
He shal me neuere bynde yn swich a clause. 728

(105)

Now set a cas þe hardest is wys. 729
Men myghten deme þat he loueþ me.
what dishonour were it vn-to me þis.
May I hym lette of þat why nay parde. 732
I knowe also and alday here and se.
Men louen a woman al bysyde hire leue.
And whanne hem liste nomore lat hem byleue. 735

(106)

I þenk ek how he able is to haue. 736
Of al þis ilke noble town þe pryftiest.
To ben his loue so she here honour saue.
For out and out he is þe worpiest. 739
Saue only Ector which þat is þe best.
And yet his lyf al lyth now in my cure.
But swych is loue and ek myn auenture. 742

(107)

Ne me to loue a wonder is it nought. 743
For wel wot I my self so god me spede.
Al wolde I þat noon wyste of þis bought.
I am one þe fairest out of drede. 746
And goodlyest who-so taketh hede.
And so men seyn yn al þe town of Troye. [I loye is written in a later hand.]
what wonder is it þough he of me haue loye.[1] 749

(104)

¶ And ek I knowe of longe tyme agon 722
His thewes goode and þat he is nat nyce
Nauauntour seith men certein is he noon
To wys is he to don so grete a vyce 725
Ne als I nyl hym neuere so cherice
þat he may mak auaunte by Iuste cause
He shal me neuere bynde in swich a clause 728

(105)

¶ Now set a caas the hardeste is I-wys 729
Men myghten demen that he loueth me
What dishonour were it vnto me this
May Ich hym lette of þat why nay pardee 732
I knowe also and alway here and see
Men louen wommen al by-syde hire leue
And when hem liste namore lat hym bileue 735

(106)

¶ I thenk ek how he able is for to haue 736
Of al þis ilke noble town the thriftyeste
To ben his loue / so she hire honour saue
For oute and oute he is þe worthyeste 739
Saue oonly Ector which þat is þe beste
And yit his lyf alle lith naw in my cure
But swich is loue and ek myn auenture 742

(107)

¶ Ne me to loue a wonder is it nought 743
For wele wote I my self so god me spede
Al wold I that noon wyste of þis thoughte
I am oon þe fayreste out of drede 746
And goodelyeste who so taketh hede
And so men seyn in al þe town of Troye
what wonder is it though he of me haue Ioye 749

(104)

// And ek I knowe of long tyme a gon 722
Hyse þewis goode & þat he is not nyse
Ne auauntour seyth men certeyn he is non
To wise is he to don so gret a vice 725
Ne also I nyle him neuere so cherice
þat he may make auaunt be iuste cause
He schal me neuere bynde in swich a clause 728

(105)

¶ Now sette a cas þ^e^ hardest is I-wis 729
Men myste demyn *þat* he louyth me
What dishonour were it on-to me þis
May I him lette of *þat* why nay parde 732
I knowe also & alday here & se
Men louyn women pour al þis toun aboute
Be þey þ^e^ wers whi nay *with*-outyn doute 735

(106)

// I þynke ek how abele he is for to haue 736
Of al þis nobele toun þe pryftyeste
þat woman is so schc hire honour saue
ffor out & out he is þ^e^ worpiest 739
Saue onli ector wich *þat* is þ^e^ best
And ȝit his lyf now lyth al in myn cure
But swich is loue & ek myn auenture 742

(107)

¶ Ne me to louyn a wondir is it not 743
ffor wel I wot myn self so god me spede
Al wolde I *þat* no man wyste of þis þouȝt
I am on of þ^e^ fayreste out of drede 746
And goodliest he so takyþ hede
And so men seyn pour al þ^t^ toun of troye
What wondir ist þow he of me haue ioye 749

(108)

I am myn owene woman wel at ese. 750
I þank it god / as after myn estat.
Right yong and stond vntyd in lusty lese.
with-out Ialousye or swych debat. 753
Shal non hosbonde seyn to me chekmat.
For eiþer þey ben ful of Ialousye.
Or maisterful or louen nouellerye. 756

(109)

What shal I don to what fyn lyue thus. [leaf 88, back] 757
Shal I nat louen in cas yf þat me lyst.
What þar dioux I am not religious.
And þough þat I myn herte sette at reste. 760
Vpon þis knyght þat is þe worþieste.
And kep alwey myn honour and my name.
By al right it may do me no shame. 763

(110)

But ryght as whanne þe sonne shyneth bright. 764
In Marche þat chaungeth ofte tyme his face.
And þat a cloud is put with wynd to flyght.
which ouer-sprat þe sonne as for a space. 767
A cloudy þought gan þorugh hire soule pace.
That ouer-spradde here brighte þoughtes alle.
So þat for fere almost she gan to falle. 770

(111)

That þought was þis allas syn I am fre. 771
Sholde I now lone and put yn Iupartie.
My sikernesse and prallen liberte.
Allas how dorste I þenken þat folye. 774
May I nought wel in oþer folk aspie.
Hire dredful Ioye here constreynt and here peyne.
There loueth noon þat she nath weye to pleyne. 777

(108)

¶ I am myn owene woman wele at ese [leaf 82] 750
I thanke it god as after myn estat
Right ȝong/ and stonde vntoyd in lusty leese
with-outen Ialousie or swich debat 753
Shal noon housebonde seyn to me chek mat
For eyther þei ben ful of Ialousie
Or maysterful / or louen nouelrye 756

(109)

¶ what shal I doff to what fyn lyue I thus 757
Shal I nat loue in cas If þat me liste
what pardieux I am nought religiouse
And though þat I myn herte sette at reste 760
Yp on þis knyght þat is þe worthyeste
And kepe alwȝy myn honour and my name
By al right it may do me no chame 763

(110)

¶ But right as when þe sonne shyneth brighte 764
In march þat chaungeth oft tyme his face
And þat a cloude is put with wynde to flyght
Which ouersprat þe sonne as for a space 767
A cloudy thought gan thorugh hire soule-pace
þat ouerspradde hire brighte thoughtes alle
So þat for feere al-moost she gan to falle 770

(111)

¶ That thought was þis allas syn [I] am free 771
Shold I now loue and putte in iupartye
My sikernesse and thrallen libertye
Allas how dorste I thenken that folye 774
May [I] nough wel in other folk aspye
Hire dredful Ioye / hire constreynte and hire peyne
þer loueth noon þat she nath weye to pleyne 777

(108)

¶ I am myn owene woman wel at ese [leaf 89, back] 750
I þanke god as after myn estate
Ryȝt ȝong & stonde on-teyed in lusty lese
With-outyn ielusie & awich debate 753
Schal non husbonde sey to me chek mate
ffor oþer þey ben ful of ielousie
Or mastirful or louyn nouelrye 756

(109)

// What schal I dȝn to what fyn leue I þus 757
Schal I not louyn in cas ȝif þat me lyst
What parde I am not religious
And þow þat I myn herte sette at reste 760
Vp on þis knyȝt þat is þe worþieste
And kepe alwoy myn honour & myn name
Be al riȝt it may don me non schame 763

(110)

¶ But riȝt as whan þe sunne schynyth bryȝt 764
In march þat chaungith oftyn-time his face
And þat a cloude is put with wynd to flyȝt
Wich ouersprat þe sunne as for a space 767
A cloudi þouȝt gan pour here soule pase
þat ouer-sprad hire bryȝte þouȝte alle
So þat for fer almost sche gan to falle 770

(111)

// þat þouȝt was þis al sybe þat I am ffe 771
Schold I now loue & putte in iupardie
Myn sekirnes & þrallyn in liberte
Allas how durste I þinkyn þis folye 774
May I not wel in oþere folk aspye [I later & put on to hab end why]
Here dredful ioye here constaunt & here peyne
þere louyt non þat sche ne hab[1] why[1] to pleyne 777

(112)

For loue is yet þe meste stormy lyf. 778
Right of hym self þat euere was by-gonne.
For euere som mystrust or nyce stryft.
Ther is in loue som cloud is ouer þat sonne. 781
Ther-to we wrecched wommen. no þyng konne.
whan vs is wo but wepe and sitte and þynke.
Oure wreche is þis oure owene wo to drynke. 784

(113)

Also þese wikkede tonges ben so prest. 785
To speke vs harm / ek men be so vntrewe.
That right a-noon as sesed is here lest.
So ceseth loue and forth to loue an newe, 788
But harm I-don / is don who-so it rewe.
For þough þese men for loue hem ferst to-rende.
Ful sharp bygynnynge breketh ofte at þe ende. 791

(114)

How ofte tyme hath it knowe be. [leaf 29] 792
The treson þat to womman hath be do.
To what fyn is swych loue I kan not se.
Or wher bycomþ it whenne it is go. 795
Ther is no wyght þat wot I trowe so.
wher it bycometh lo no wyght on it sporneth.
That erst was no þyng in-to nought it torneþ. 798

(115)

How bysy if I loue ek most I be. 799
To plesen hem þat Iangle of loue and dremen.
And coye hem þey sey noon harm of me.
For þough þere be no cause yet hem semen. 802
Al be for harm þat folk here frendes quemen.
And who may stoppe euery wykked tungen.
Or sown of belles whanne þat þei be rungen. 805

(112)

¶ For loue is ȝet þe moost stormy lyf 778
Right of hym self þat euere was by-gonne
For euere som mystruste or nyce stryfe
þer is in loue som cloude is ouere þat sonne 781
þer-to we wreched wommen no thynge konne
when vs is wo / but wepe and sitte and thynke
Oure wreche is þis oure owen wo to drynke 784

(113)

¶ Also thise wikkede tonges ben so preste 785
To speke vs harme / ek men so vntrewe
þat right anon as cessed is hire leste
So ceseth loue / and forth to loue a newe 788
But harm I-don is don who so it rewe
For though þis men for love hem firste to rende
Ful charpe bygynnynge breketh oft at ende 791

(114)

¶ How oft tyme hath it-y-knowen be [leaf 28, back] 792
þe treson þat to wommen hath ben do
To what fyn is swich loue I kan nat se
Or wher bicometh it when þat it is ago 795
There is no wyght þat woot I trow so
wher it bicometh lo no wight on it sporneth
þat erst was no thynge in to nought it torneth 798

(115)

¶ How bisy If I loue ek most I be 799
To plesen hem þat Iangle of loue and dremen
And coye hym they seye noon harme of me
For though þer be no cause ȝet hem semen 802
alle be for harme þat folk hire frendes quemen
And who may stoppen euery wykked tonge
Or sown of belles while þat þei ben ronge 805

(112)

¶ ffor loue is ȝit þe moste stormy lif 778
Ryȝt of him self þat euere was be-gunne
ffor euere mistrust or nyce stryf
þere is in loue sum cloude is ouer þe sunne 781
þerto we wreche wemen no þyng cunne
Whan vs is wo but sitte & wepe or þynke
Oure wreche is þis oure owene wo we drinke 784

(113)

¶ Also þese wekede tungis þey ben so prest [leaf 40] 785
To spekyn vs harm ek men ben so ontrewe
þat riȝt a-non as sesed is here lest
So seseþ loue & forth to loue a newe 788
But harm I-don is don ho so it rewe
ffor þow þese men for loue hem ferst to rende
fful scharpe beginnyng oftyn brekiþ an ende 791

(114)

// How ofte tyme may men rede & se 792
þe tresoun þat to women haþ be do
To what fyn is swich loue I can not se
Oor where be-comeþ it whan þat it is go 795
þere nys no wiȝt þat wot I trowe so
Wher it becomith lo non wiȝt on it spornyth
þat erst was noþing in to noþying turnyt 798

(115)

¶ How besi ȝif I loue I muste be 799
To plese hem þat iangele of loue & demen
And coye hem þat seyn non harm of me
ffor þow þere be no cause ȝit hem semyþ 802
Al be for harm þat folk here frendes quemyn
And ho may stoppe euery wekede tunge
Or soun of belle whil þat þey ben I-runge 805

(116)

And after þat here þought bygan to clere. 806
And seyde he which þat no þyng vnder-taketh.
No þyng nê acheueth be hym loth or dere.
And with an oþer þought hire herte quaketh. 809
Than slepeþ hope and after dred a-waketh.
Now hot now cold / but þus by-twyxen tweye.
She rist here vp / and went here for to pleye. 812

(117)

Adoun þe steyre a-noon right þo she wente. 813
In to þe gardeyn with here neces þre.
And vp and doun þere made many a wente.
Flexippe she Tharbe and Antigone. 816
To pleyen þat it Ioye was to se.
And oþere of here wommen a gret rowte.
Here foleweden yn þe gardeyn al a-bowte. 819

(118)

This gardeyn was large and rayled all þe aleyes. 820
And shadwede with bowes blosmy and grene.
And benched newe and sonded alle þe weyes.
In which she walketh arm yn arm by-twene. 823
Til at þe laste Antigone þe shene.
Gan on a Troian song to synge clere.
That it an heuene was hire voys to here. 826

(119) (*Antigone's Song of Love. St.* 1.)

She seyde .O. loue to whom I haue and shal. [If 29, bk] 827
Ben humble subgit trewe yn myn entente.
As I best kan to yow lord yeue ych al.
For euere more myn herte lust to-rente. 830
For neuere yet þi grace no wyght sente.
So blysful cause. as me my lyf to lede.
In al Ioye and surete out of drede. 833

(116)

¶ And after þat hire though[t] gan for to clere 806
and seyde / he which nat no thynge vndertaketh
No thynge nacheueth / be hym loth or deere
And with another thought hire hert qwaketh 809
Than slepeth hope / and after drede awaketh
Now hoot / now cold / but þus bytwixen tweye
þo rist hire vp / and hire fer to pleye 812

(117)

¶ Adown þe steyre anon right tho she wente 813
In to þe gardyn *with* hire neces thre
And vp and down ther made many a wente
Flexippe she tharbe and antigone 816
To pleyn þat it Ioye was to se
And other of hire wommen a grete route
Hire folweden in þe gardyn alle aboute 819

(118)

¶ þis ȝerde was large and rayled alle thaleyes 820
And shadwed wel with blosmy bowes grene
And benched new and sonded alle þe wayes
In whiche she walketh arm in arm betwene 823
Til at þe laste antigone the shene
Gan on a Troian songe to syngen clere
þat it an heuene was hire vois to here 826

(119) (*Antigone's Song of Love. St.* 1.)

¶ She seyde o loue to whom I haue and shal 827
Ben humble subgit trewe in myn entente
As I best kan / to whom lord ȝeue Ich al
For euere mo myn hertes lust to rente 830
For neuere ȝet thi grace no wight sente
So blisful cause / as me my lyf to lede
In alle Ioye and seurte oute of drede 833

(116)

// And after þat hire þouȝt be-gan to clere 806
And seyde he wich þat no þing vndir-takyth
Non þing a-cheuyth be him loþ or dere
And *with* a noþer þouȝt hire herte quakiþ 809
þanne slepiþ hope and *aftir* dred a-wakyth
Now hot now cold but þus be-twexe tweye
Sche rist hire vp / & wente for to pleye 812

(117)

¶ A *doun* þ^e steyȝere a-non riȝt þo sche went 813
In to þ^e gardyn *with* hire necis þre
And vp & doun þey madyn [1]many a went[1] [1—1 corrected]
flexippe & Schetarbe & Antigone 816
To pleye þat it icye was to se
And siþe of hire women a gret route
Hire folwede in þ^e gardyn al a boute 819

(118)

¶ þis ȝerd large & railled alle þe aleys [leaf 40, back] 820
And schadewid wel *with* blospened bowis grene
I-benchede newe & sondede alle þe weyes
In wich sche walkede arm in arm bi-twen 823
Til at þ^e laste antigone þe schene
Gan on a troyan lay to syngin clere
þat it an heuene it was hire voys to here 826

(119) (*Antigone's Song of Love. St.* 1.)

// Sche seyde loue to whom I haue & schal 827
Ben vmbele subiect trewe in myn entent
As I best can I ȝow lord ȝeue I al
ffor euere mo myn hertis lust to-rent 830
ffor neuere ȝit þyn grace nowyȝt sent
So blisful cause as me myn lif to lede
In al Ioyȝo & seurte out of drede 833

(120) (*Antigone's Song of Love. St. 2.*)

Þe blisful god han me so wel beset. 834
In loue y-wys þat al þat bereth lyf.
ymagynen ne kowde how to ben bet.
For lord with-outen Ialousye or stryf. 837
I loue oón which is most ententyf.
To seruen wel vnwery or vnfeyned.
That euere was and lest with harm distreyned. 840

(121)

As he þat is þe welle of worþinesse. 841
Of trouþe ground myrour of goodlyhed.
with Appollo ston of Secrenesse.
Of vertu rote / of luf fyndere and hed. 844
Thurgh which is al sorwe fro me ded.
I-wys I loue hym best so doth he me.
Now good þryft haue he wher þat he be. 847

(122)

Whom sholde I þanke but yow god of loue. 848
Of al þis blysse yn which to baþe I gynne.
And þonked be ye lord for þat I loue.
This is þe right lyf þat I am Inne. 851
To flemen alle manere vice and synne.
This doth me so to vertu for to entende.
That day by day I yn my wil amende. 854

(123)

And who-so seyth þat for to loue is vice. 855
Or þraldom þough he fele yn it distresse.
He ouþer is enuyous or right nyce.
Or is vnmyghty for his shrewednesse. 858
To louen. for swych maner folk I gesse.
Defamen loue. as no þyng of it knowe.
They speken but þey bente neuere his bowe. 861

(120) (*Antigone's Song of Love. St. 2.*)

¶ þe blisful god han me so wele besette [leaf 24] 834
In love I-wis / þat alle þat bereth lyf
Ymagynen ne koude how to ben bett
For lord with-owten Ialousye or stryf 837
I loue oon which þat moost is ententif
To seruen wel vnwery or vnfeyned
þat euere was / and leest with harme destreyned 840

(121)

¶ As he þat is þe wel of worthynesse 841
Of trowthe ground / myrour of goodelyhede
Of wit appollo / stoon of secrenesse
Of vertue roota / of lust fynder and hed 844
Thorugh [which] is alle sorwe fro me ded
I-wis I loue hym best so doth he me
Now goode thryft haue he wher so þat he be 847

(122)

¶ whom shold I thanken but ȝow god of loue 848
Of alle þis blisse in which to bathe I gynne
And thanked be ȝe lord for þat I loue
þis is þe right lyf that I am Inne 851
To flemen alle manere vyce and synne
This doth me so to vertue for tentende
þat day by day I in my wyl amende 854

(123)

¶ And who so seith that for to loue is vice 855
Or thraldom / though he fele in it destresse
He outher is enuyous or right nyce
Or is vnmyghty for his sherewednesse 858
To louen / for swich maner folk I gesse
Defamen loue as no thynge of it knowe
They speken / but þey benten neuere is bowe 861

(120) (*Antigone's Song of Love. St. 2.*)

¶ þe blisful god han me so wel beset 834
In loue I-wis þat al þat berith lyf
Imagine ne cunne how to be bete
ffor lord with-outyn Ielusie or stryf 837
I loue on wich þat is most ententif
To seruyn wel onworþi or onfeyned
þat euere was with harm vice disteyned 840

(121)

// As he þat is þe welle of worþines 841
Of treuthe ground myrour of goodly-hed
Of wight appollo ston of sekyrnes
Of vertu rote of lust fingir & hed 844
þour wiche as al sor fro me ded
I-wis I loue hym best so doþ he me
Now good þrif to haue he where so þat he be 847

(122)

¶ Whom schulde I þanke but ȝow god alone 848
Of al þis blis of wich I baþe begyn
And þanked be þow lord for þat I loue
þis is þ' ryȝte lif þat I am in 851
To flen alle maner vice & syn
þis doþ me so to vertu for to entende
þat day be da I in myn wil amende 854

(123)

¶ And who þat sayith þat for to loue is vice [leaf 41] 855
Or þraldom þow he fele in his herte distres
He oþer inuyous is or riȝt nyse
Or his vnmyȝti for his schrewedenes 858
To louyn for swich maner of folk I ges
Diffamyn loue as no þyng of it knowe
þey spekyn but þei bentyn neuere his bowe 861

(124) (*Antigone's Song of Love. St.* 6.)

What is the sonne wers of kynde right. [leaf 30] 862
Though þat a man for feblesse of his eyen.
May nought endure on it to se for bryght.
Or loue þe wers þough wrecches on it crien. 865
No wele is worth þat may no sorwe dryen.
And for-þi he þat hath an hed of verre.
Fro cast of stones war hym yn þe werre. 868

(125)

But I with al myn hert and al my myght. 869
As I haue seyd wol loue vn-to my laste.
My dere herte and al myn owene knyght.
In which myn herte is growen so faste. 872
And his in me. þat it shal euere laste.
Al dredde I first to loue hym to bygynne.
Now wote I wel þere is no peril Inne. 875

[*End of Antigone's Song of Love.*]

(126)

And of hire song right with þat word she stynte. 876
And þerwith-al now nece quod Criseyde.
who made þis song with so good entente.
Antigone answerde a-noon and seyde. 879
Ma dame I-wys þe goodlyeste mayde.
Of gret estat in al þe town of Troye.
And led here lyf in most honour and Ioye. 882

(127)

Forsothe so it semeth by hire song. 883
Quod þo Criseyde and gan þer-with to syke.
And seyde lord is þere such blysse among.
These louers as þey konne faire endite. 886
Ye wys quod fressh Antigone þe white.
For alle þe folk þat han or ben on lyue.
Ne konne wel þe blysse of loue dyscriue. 889

(124) (*Antigone's Song of Love. St.* 6.)

¶ what is þe sonne wors of kynde righte 862
Though þat aman for fieblenesse of his eighen
May nought endure on it to se for bryghte
Or loue þe wors theigh wreches on it crien 865
No wele is worth þat may no sorwe dryen
And for-thy who þat hath han hed of verre
Fro caste of stonnes war hym in þe werre 868

(125)

¶ But I with al myn herte and alle my myght 869
As I haue seyd wol loue vn to my laste
My dere herte alle myn owen knyght
In whiche myn herte growen is so faste 872
And his in me þat it schal euere laste
Alle dredde I firste to loue hym to bigynne
Now wote I wel þer is no peril Inne 875

[*End of Antigone's Song of Love.*]

(126)

[1] ¶ And of hire song right with þat worde she stente 876
And þer-with-alle now nece quod Criseyde [1 leaf 24, back]
who made þis songe now with so goode entente
Antigone answerde anoon and seyde 879
Madam I-wis the goodelyest mayde
Of grete estate in al þe town of Troye
And let hire lyf in moost honour and Ioye 882

(127)

¶ For sothe so it semeth by hire songe 883
Quod tho Criseyde and gan þer-with to syke
And seyde lord is þer swich blisse amonge
Thise louers as they donnen fayre endite 886
Ȝe yis quod fresshe antigone the white
For al þe folk þat han or ben on lyue
Ne konne wel þe blisse of loue descryue 889

(124) (*Antigone's Song of Love. St.* 6.)

// What is þe sunne wers of kynde ryȝt 862
þow a man for febilnesse of hese eyȝen
May not endure on it to se for hryȝt
Or loue þe wers þow wrechis on it cryȝen 865
No wele is worþi þat may no sorwe dryen
And forþi ho þat hauyth an heued of verre
ffrom cast of stonys war hym in þe werre 868

(125)

¶ But I wigh al myn herte & al myn myth 869
As I haue seyd wele loue vn to myn last
Myn dere herte & al myn owene knyht
In whiche myn / herte growyn is fast 872
And his herte in me þat it schal euere last
Al drede I fyrst loue him to beginne
Now wot I wel þere is no peryl inne 875

[*End of Antigone's Song of Love.*]

(126)

// And here song ryȝt with þat word sche stente 876
And þerwithal now nece quod Crisseide
Who made þis song with so good entente
Antegone answerde & seide 879
Madame I-wis þe godelieste mayde
Of gret estat in al þe toun of troye
And let hire lif in most honour & Ioye 882

(127)

¶ ffor soþe so it semyth bi hire songe 883
Quod þo Crisseide & gan þerwith to sike
And seide lord is þere swich blisse a-mong
þeese[1] loueris as þey cunne fayre endite [1 second e corrected] 886
Ȝe I-wis quod frosche antegone þe white
ffor alle þe folk þat han or ben on liue
Ne kunne wil þe blisse of loue discriue 889

(128)

But wene ye þat euery wrecche wot.
The parfit blysse of loue why nay y-wys
They wenen al be loue yf oon be hoot:
Do wey do way þey wot no þyng of þis.
Men moste axe of seyntes if it is.
Aught faire yn heuene whi for þey konne telle.
And axen of fendes / is it ful yn helle.

(129)

Criseyde vn-to þat purpos nought answerede. (leaf 20, back)
But seyde y-wys it wole be nyght as faste.
But euery word which þat she of here herde.
She gan to prenten yn here herte faste.
And ay gan loue hire lasse for to agaste.
Than it dide erst and synken yn hire herte.
That she was somwhat able to conuerte.

(130)

The dayes honour and þe heuenes heighe.
The hyghtes so al þis clepe I þe sonne.
Gan westren faste and downward for to wrye.
As he þat hadde his dayes cours y-ronne.
And white þynges wexen dymme and donne.
For lak of lyght and sterres for to appere.
That she and here folk in went y-fere.

(131)

So whan it liked hire to goo to reste.
And voyded were þey þat voyden oughte.
She seyde þat to slepe wel hire leste.
Hire wommen soone til hire bed here broughte.
whan al was hust þanne lay she stille and poughte.
Of alle þis þyng þe manere and þe wyse.
Reherce it nedeth nought for ye ben wyse.

(128)

¶ But wene ȝe þat euery wrecche woot
The parfit blisse of loue why nay I-wys
They wenen al be loue If oon be hote
Do way do way they wote no thyng of þis
Men moste axe at seintes if it is
Aught fayre in heuen why fer they kan telle
And axen fendes is it foule in helle.

(129)

¶ Criseyde vnto that purpos nought answer[d]e
But seyde I-wis it wol be nyght as faste
But euery word with þat she of hire herde
She gan to prenten in [hire] herte faste
And ay gan loue lesse hire for to agaste
than it dyde erst and synken in hire herte
þat she wex somwhat able to conuerte.

(130)

¶ The dayes honour and þe heuenes heye
The nyghtes foo / al þis clepe I þe sonne
Gan westren faste and downward for to wrye
As he þat hadde his dayes cours I-ronne
And white thynges woxen dymme and donne
For lakke of lyght and sterres for tapere
þat she and al hire folk in wente ifere

(131)

¶ So when it liked hire to go to reste
And voyded weren they þat voyden aughte
She seyde þat to slepen wel hire leste
Hire wommen soon tyl hire bed hire broughte
when al was hust þan lay she stil and thoughte
Of al þis thynge þe manere and þe wyse
Reherce it nedeth nought for ȝe ben wyse

(128)

¶ But wene ȝe þat euery wrecche wot [leaf 41, back]
þ parfit blisse of loue nay I-wis
þey wene al be loue þere oo be hot
Doway doway þei wot no þing of þis
Men miste axen at seyntis if it is
Ouȝt fayr in heuene whi for þey can telle
An axith fendis ȝif it be foul in helle.

(129)

// Criceyde þerto no þing hire answerde
But seide I-wis it wele ben nyȝt as faste
But euery word þat sche of hire herde
Schе gan to prentin in h[i]re herte faste
And ay gan sche hire lasse for to agast
þan it dede erst & sinkyn in here herte
þat sche wex sumwhat abele to conuerte

(130)

¶ þe dayis honour & heuenis eye
þe nyȝtis fo al þis clepe I þe sunne
Gan wrestyn fast & doȝnward for to wrie
As he þat hede þe daiȝs cours I-ronne
And white pyngis gunne to werȝ dunne
for lak of lyȝt & sterȝ to spere
þat sche & alle hire folk hem wente in fere

(131)

// So whan it likede hire to gon to rest
And woydeden weren þe þat wooldyn ouȝt
Schе seyde þat slepyn whil hire lest
Hire women sone on to hire bed hire broust
Whan al was hust þo lay schе stille & þouȝt
Of al þis þyng þe maner & þe gyse
Rehersen it nediþ not for ȝe ben wise

(132)

A nyghtyngale vpon a cedre grene. 918
Vpon þe chambre wal þere as she lay.
Ful loude sang a-yen þe mone shene.
Paraunter yn his bryddes wyse a lay. 921
Of loue þat made hire herte fressh and gay.
That herkened she so longe yn good entente.
That at þe laste þe dede slep hire hente. 924

(133)

And as she slep a-noon right þo here mette. 925
How þat an Egle feþered whit as bon.
Vnder hire brest his longe clawes sette.
And out hire herte he rente and þat a-noon. 928
And dide his hert in to hire brest to goon.
Of which she nought a-gros ne no þing smerte.
And forth he fleygh with herte left for herte. 931

(134)

Now late here slepe and we oure tales holde. [leaf 31] 932
Of Troylus þat is to palays ryden.
Fro þe skarmuch of þe whiche I tolde.
And yn his chambre sit and hath a-byden. 935
Til two or þre of his messages yeden.
For Pandarus and sought hym ful faste.
Til þey hym founde and brought hym at þe last. 938

(135)

This Pandarus come lepyng in at ones. 939
And seide þus who hath ben wel y-bete.
To day with swerdes. and with slyng stone.
But Troylus þat hath caught hym now an hete 942
And gan to Iape and seyde lord so ye swete.
But rys and late vs soupe and go to reste.
And he answered hym do we as þe leste. 945

(132)

¶ A nyghtyngale vp on a cedre grene [leaf 25] 918
Vnder þe chaumber wal þer as she lay
Ful lowde songe aȝein þe moone shene
Paraunter in his briddes wyse a lay 921
Of loue / þat made hire herte fresshe and gay
þat herkned she so longe in goode entente
Tyl at þe laste þe dede slepe hire hente 924

(133)

¶ And as she slepe anoon right þo hire mette 925
How þat an Egle fethered white as bone
Vnder hire breste his longe clewes sette
And out hire herte he rent and þat anon 928
And dede his hert in to hire breste to gon
Of whiche she naught agroos ne no thyng smerte
And forth he fleigh with herte left for herte 931

(134)

¶ Now lat hire slepe and we oure tales holde 932
Of Troilus / þat is to palays ryden
Fro þe scarmich of þe whiche I tolde
And in his chaumber sit and hath abyden 935
Til two or thre of his messages ȝeden
Fro Pandarus / and soughten hym ful faste
Til they hym fonde and broughte hym at þe laste 938

(135)

¶ This Pandarus come lepynge In atones 939
And seyde þus / who hath ben wel bette
To day / with swerdes and wiþ sleynge stones
But Troilus þat hath kaughte hym an hete 942
And gan to Iape / and seyde lorde so ȝe swete
But ris and lat vs soupe and go to reste
And answerde hym do we as the leste 945

(132)

¶ A nyȝtyngale vp on a sidere grene 918
Vndyr þe chaumbir was þere as sche lay
fful loude song a-ȝen þe mone schene
Perauntyr in his briddis wise a lay 921
Of loue wich þat made his herte gay
That herkened sche so longe en god entent
Til at þe laste þe dede-slep hire hent 924

(133)

¶ And as sche slep a-non ryȝt þo sche mette [leaf 43] 925
How þat an egele federid wit as mylk
Vndir hire brest hire longe clawis sette
And out hire herte rente & þat a-non 928
And dede his herte in to[1] hire brest to gon [1 to, first in]
Of wich sche gros / nouȝt ne noþying sinerte
And forþ he fley herte left for herte 931

(134)

// Now lat here slep & we oure talis holde 932
Of troylis þat / is to paleys redyn
ffrom þe charmys of þe whiche I tolde
And in his chambyr sit & ay abidyn 935
Til too or thre on hire massage ridyn
ffor Pandarus & souȝte hym so faste
Tyil þey him founde & brouȝte him at þe laste 938

(135)

¶ þis Pandarus come lepynge in a-tonys 939
And seide þus we han ben wel I-betyn
To day with swerdis & with slynging of stonys
But Troylis þat haþ cauȝt him an herte 942
And gan to iape & seyde lord ȝe smete
But ris & lat vs suppe & gon to rest
And he answerd do we as ȝe lest 945

(136)

With al þe haste goodly, þat þey myghte. 946
They spedde hem fro souper vn-to bedde.
And euery wyght out at þe dore hym dyghte.
And wher hym lyst vpon his way he spedde. 949
But Troilus þoughte his herte bledde.
For wo til þat he herde som tydynge.
He seyde frend shal I now wepe or synge. 952

(137)

Quod Pandarus ly stille and late vs slepe. 953
And don þyn hod thi nedes sped be.
Chese if þow wolt synge or daunce or lepe.
At short wordes þow shalt trowe me. 956
Sire my Nece wole do wel by þe.
And loue þe best by god and by my trouþe.
But lat of pursuyte make it in slouþe. 959

(138)

For thus ferforth I haue þi worke bygonne. 960
Fro day to day til þis day by þe morwe.
Here loue of frendship haue I to þe wonne.
And also hath she leyd hire feyth to borwe. 963
Algate a fot is hameled of þi sorwe.
what sholde I lengere sermon of it holde.
As ye han herd byfore al he hym tolde. 966

(139)

But right as floures thorugh þe colde of þe nyght. [leaf 31, back]
Yclosed stoupen on hire stalk lowe.
Redressen hem a-yen þe sonne bryght.
And spreden on hire kynde cours by rowe. 970
Right so gan tho his eyghen vp to þrowe.
This Troylus / and seyde o Venus dere.
Thi might þi grace y-hered be it here. 973

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(136)

¶ with alle þe haste goodely þat they myghte 946
They spede hem fro þe soper vnto bedde
And euery wyght oute at þe dore hym dyght
And wher hym leste vp on his way he spedde 949
But Troilus thought his herte bledde
For wo / til þat he herde som tydynge
He seyde frende shal I now wepe or synge 952

(137)

¶ Quod Pandarus li stil and lat me slepe 953
And don þin hode / thy nedes spedde be
And chese if þow wilte synge or daunce or lepe
At shorte wordes thow shal trow me 956
Sir my nece wol do wel by the
And loue þe beste by god and by my trouthe
But lokke of pursuyte mak it in þi slouthe 959

(138)

¶ For þus ferforth I haue thy worke bigonne [lf 25, bk] 960
Fro day to day til þis day by the morwe
Hire loue of frenship haue I to þe wonne
And also hath she layd hire faith to borwe 963
Algate a foot is hameled of þi sorwe
What shold I lenger sermon of it holde
As ȝe han herd bifore / al he hym tolde 966

(139)

¶ But right as floures thorugh þe cold of nyght 967
Y-closed stowpen on her stalk lowe
Redressen hem aȝein þe sonne bright
And spreden on hire kynde cours by rowe 970
Right so gan tho his eighen vp to throwe
This troilus / and seyde o venus dere
þi might þi grace y-heried be it here 973

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(136)

// With al þe laste goodly, þat þey myȝt 946
þey spedde hem from soper & to bedde
And euery wiȝt out at þe dore hym diȝt
And where hym lust vp on his woye him spedde 949
Troylis þat þouȝte his herte bledde
ffor wo til þat he / herde sum tydynge
He seyde frend schal I now wepe or synge 952

(137)

¶ Quod Pandarus li stille & let me singe 953
And do on þyn hod þyne nedis spedde be
And sches ȝif þou wilt synge daunce or lepe
At schorte wordis þou schal trostyn in me 956
Sire myn nese wele don wel bi þe
And loue þe best bi god & be myn treuthe
But lak of hire purseut makiþ it þour þin slouthe 959

(138)

¶ ffor þus fer forþ haue I þyn werke begunne [lf 42, bk] 960
ffrom day to day til þis day be þe morwe
Hire loue of frenschepe haue I to þe wonne
And þerto haþ sche leyd hire feyþ to borwe 963
Algate a fote is hamelid of þyn sorwe
What schulde I lengere sarmoun of it holde
As ȝe han herd be-forn al he hym tolde 966

(139)

// But riȝt as flouris þour þe colde nyȝt 967
I-closede stoupe on here stalke lowe
Redressen hem a-ȝen þe sunne bryȝt
And spryngin on here kynde cours be rowe 970
Ryȝt so gan þo his eyȝen vp to þrowe
þis troilis & seyde venus dere
þyn myȝt þyn grace I-heried be it here 973

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(140)

And to Pandarus he held vp bope his hondes:
And seyde lord al þyn be þat I haue.
For I am fol al brosten ben my bonden.
A þousand Troians who so þat me yaue.
Eche after oþer god so wys me saue.
Ne myght me so gladen. lo myn herte.
It spredeþ so for Ioye it wole to-sterte.

(141)

But lord how shal I don how shal I lyuen.
whanne shal I nexst my dere herte se.
How shal þis longe tyme a-wey ben y-dreuen.
Til þat þow be ayen at here fro me.
Thow mayst answere a-byd a-byd but he.
That hangeth by þe nekke soth to seyne.
In grete dishese a-bydeþ for þe peyne.

(142)

Al esily now for þe loue of marte.
Quod Pandarus for euery þyng hath tyme.
So longe a-byd til þat þe nyght departe.
For al so syker as þow lyst here by me.
And god toforn I wole be pere at pryme.
And for þi werk sõmwhat as I shal seye.
Or on som other wyght þis charge leye.

(143)

For parde god wot I haue euere yet.
Ben redy þe to serue and to þis nyght.
Haue I nought fayned but emforth my wit.
Don al þi lust and shal wiþ al my myght.
Do now as I shal seye and dõ a ryght.
And if yow nylt / wyte al þi self þy care
On me ys nought y-long þin yuel fare.

(140)

¶ And to pandarus held vp both his hondes
And seyde lord al þin be.that I haue
For I am hole and brosten ben my bondes
A thousand Troians who-so þat me ȝaue
Ech after other god so wys me saue
Ne myghte me so gladen lo myn herte
It spredeth so for Ioie it wol to-sterte

(141)

¶ But lord how shal I don how shal I lyuen
when shal I next my deere hert see
How shal þis longe tyme away be dryuen
Til þat thow be ayein at hire fro me
Thow maist answere abid abid but he
þat hanght by þe nekke soþ to seyne
In grete disese abideth for þe peyne

(142)

¶ Al esily now for þe loue of marte
Quod Pandarus / for euery thynge hath tyme
So longe abid til þat þe nyght departe
For also siker as thow list here bi me
And god to-forne I wol be there at pryme
And for þi werk som-what as I shal seye
Or on som other wight þis charge leye

(143)

¶ For parde god wote I haue euere ȝit
Ben redy þe to serue and to þis nyght
Haue naught feyned / but emforth my wit
Doñ al þi luste / and shal *with* alle my myght
Do now as [I] shal seyne and fare aright
And if thow nylt wyte al þi self þi care
On me is nought a-longe þin yuel fare

(140)

¶ And to Pandaris he held vp bope hese hondis
And seide lord al þyn be it þat I haue
ffor I am hol al brostyn ben myne woundis
A þousand Troyes who so þat me ȝaue
Sche aftyr oþer god so wis me saue
Ne myȝte so gladdyn so myn herte
It spredip so for ioye it wele to-sterte

(141)

// But lord how schal I do how schal I leuyn
Whanne schal I next myn dere herte se
How schal þis longe tyme a-woy be dreuyn
Til þat þou be ajin at hire from me
þow mayst answere & seyes abide quod he
þat hangip bi þ* nekke soþ to seyne
In gret disese abidiþ for þe peyne

(142)

¶ Al esili now for þe loue of marte
Quod pandarus euery þyng haþ tyme
So longe a-bit til þat þ* nyȝt departe
ffor also sekyr as þou lyst here by me
And god toforn I wele be þere or pryme
And for þyn werk sumwhat as I schal say
Or on sum oþer wiȝt þis charge lay

(143)

¶ ffor parde god wot I haue euere ȝit [leaf 43]
Ben redy þ* to seruyn in to þis nyȝt
Haue I not feyned but enene with myn wit
Don al þyn lust & schal with al myn myȝt
Do now as I schal seyn & fare a ryȝt
And ȝif þou nylt wite al þyn self þyn care
On me is not along al þyn euele fare

(144)

I wot þat thow wysere art þan I. 1002
A þousand fold but if I were a[s] þow.
God helpe me so as I wolde outrely.
Of myn owene hond write here right now. 1005
A lettre in which I wolde here telle how.
I ferd a-mys and here beseche of rouþe.
Now help þi self and leue it not for slouþe. 1008

(145)

And I myn self wil þer-with to here gon. 1009
And whanne þow wost þat I am with here þere.
worth vp on a courser right a non.
Ye hardyly yn þi beste gere. 1012
And ryd forth by þe place as nought ne were.
And þow shalt fynde vs yf I may sittynge.
At som wyndowe yn to þe strete lokynge. 1015

(146)

And yf þe lyke þan maystow vs saluwe. 1016
And vp-on me make þi contenaunce.
But by þi lyf be war and faste eschuwe.
To taryen ought god shilde vs fro myschaunce. 1019
Ride forth þi wey and hold þy gouernaunce.
And we shal speke of þe som what I trowe.
Than þow art goon to do þyne eeres glowe. 1022

(147)

Towchyng þi lettre þat þow art wys ynowh. 1023
I wot þow nylt it digneliche endite.
As make it with þise argumentus towh.
Ne scryuenysah or craftily þow it wryte. 1026
Be-blotte it with þi teeris eke a lyte.
And yf þow write a goodly word al softe.
Though it be good reherce it not to ofte. 1029

(144)

¶ I woote wel þat thow wyser art than I. [Sat 26] 1002
A thowsand fold / but if I were as thow
God helpe me so as I wolde outrely
Of myn own honde write hire right now 1005
A lettre / In which I wolde hire tellen how
I ferd amys / and hire biseche of routhe
Now helpe þi self and leue it nought for slouthe 1008

(145)

¶ And I my self wol ther-with to hire gone 1009
And when thow woste þat I am with hire there
worth thow vp on a coursur right a-noon
ȝe hardily right in þi beste gere 1012
And ride forth by þe place as nought it were
And thow shal fynde vs if I may sittynge
At som wyndow in to þe strete lokynge 1015

(146)

¶ And if þe leste þan maistow vs salue 1016
And vp on me make thow thy contennaunce
But by thi lif be war and faste eschue
To tarien ought god schilde vs fro mischaunce 1019
Ride forth thy way and hold þy gouernaunce
And we shal speke of the som what I trowe
when thow art gon / to don thyn eris glowe 1022

(147)

¶ Touchynge þi lettre thow ert wys ynough 1023
I wot thow nylt it digneliche endite
As make it with thyse argumentus tough
Ne [1]scryuenysah or craftily thow it write [1 MS. str, &c] 1026
Byblotte it with þi teris ek a lite
And if þow write a goodely worde al softe
Though it be goode reherce it nought to ofte 1029

(144)

// I wot wel þat þou art wisere þan I 1002
A þousent fold but & I were as þou
God helpe me so as I wolde vttyrly
Ryȝt of myn owene hond write hire ryȝt now 1005
A lettere in whiche I wolde hire telle how
I ferde a-mis & hire be-sechyn of routhe
Now help þyn self & leue it not for slouthe 1008

(145)

¶ And I myn self schal þer-with to here gone 1009
And whan þou wist I am with hire þere
Worþe vp on a courser ryȝt a-none
ȝa hardily / and þat in þyn beste gere 1012
And ryd forþ bi þe place as nouȝt ne were
And þou schal fynde vs ȝif I may sittynge
In sum wyndowe into þe strete lokynge 1015

(146)

// And ȝif þe lyste þanne mayst þou vs salue 1016
And vp on me make þyn cuntenaunce
But be þyn lif be war þat þou eschewe
To taryeouȝt god schilde it fro myschance 1019
Ryd forþ þyn way & hold þyn gouernaunce
And we schal speke of þe sumwhat I trowe
Whan þou art gon to don þyne eris glowe 1022

(147)

¶ Touchynge þyn lettere þou art wys I-now 1023
I wot þou nylt dyneleche ne mystileche endite
As to makynit with þese argumentis tow
Ne coryously ne craftylicha þou wryte 1026
By-blotte it with þyne teris a lite
A ȝif þou write a goodli word al softe
þow it be good reherse it not to ofte 1029

(148)

For þough þe best harpour vpon lyue. 1030
wolde on þe best sounded Ioly harpe.
That euere was with all hise fyngres fyue.
Touche ay o streng or ay o werbul harpe. 1033
were hise nayles poynted neuere so sharpe.
It shulde make euery wyght to dulle.
To here his gle and of hise strokes fulle. 1036

(149)

Ne Iompre ek no discordaunt þing yfere. [leaf 32, back] 1037
As þus to vsen termes of Phisyk.
In loues / termes / hold vp þy matere.
The forme alway / and do þat it be lyk. 1040
For yf a peyntour wolde peynte a pyk.
with asses feet and hede it as an ape.
It cordeth nought / so were it but a Iape. 1043

(150)

This counseyl liked wel vn-to Troylus. 1044
But as a dredful louere he seyde þis.
Allas. my dere Broþer Pandarus.
I am a-shamed for to write y-wys. 1047
Lest of myn Innocence I seyde a mys.
Or that she nolde for despit receyue.
Thanne were I ded þere myght it no thing weyue. 1050

(151)

To þat Pandare answered yf þe lyst. 1051
Do þat I seye and lat me þerwith gon.
For by hym that formede Est and west.
I hope of it to brynge answere anoon. 1054
Of here hond and yf þat þow nylt non.
Lat be. and sory mot he ben his lyue.
A-yens þi lust þat helpeþ þe to þryue. 1057

(148)

¶ For though þe best ha[r]ppour vp-on lyue 1030
wold on þe beste sowned Ioly hare
That euere was with alle his fyngeres fyue
Touche ay o strenge or ay o warbul ha[r]ppe 1033
were his nayles poyntes neuere so charpe
I shold maken euery wyght to dulle
To here his glee and of his strokes fulle 1036

(149)

¶ Ne Iompre ek ne discordant thyng yfere 1037
As thus to vsen termes of fisyk
In loues termes / hold of thy matere
The forme alway / and do þat it be like 1040
For if a peyntour wold peynte a pik
with asses feet and hedde it as an ape
It cordeth naught/ so nere it but a Iape 1043

(150)

¶ This conseil lyked wel vn to Troilus [leaf 26, back] 1044
But as a dredful louere he seyde this
Allas my dere brother Pandarus
I am aschamed for to wryte I-wis 1047
Leste of myn Innocence I seyde amys
Or þat she nolde it for despit receyue
Than were I ded ther myght it no thyng weyue 1050

(151)

¶ To that Pandare answerde If þe leste 1051
Do þat I seye and lat me ther-with gon
For by that lord þat formed est and weste
I hope of it to brynge answere anoon 1054
Of hire honde / and if that thow nylt noon
Lat be / and sory mote he ben his lyue
Aȝeyn thi lust þat helpeth þe to thrive 1057

(148)

¶ ffor þow þ^e beste harpour vp on lyue [leaf 43, back] 1030
Wolde vp on þ^e beste sounede ioly harpe
þat euere was with alle hese fyngerys fyue
Touche ay on streng or ay on warbele harpe 1033
Were hise naylis poyntede neuere so scharpe
It schulde make euery wiȝt to dullen
To heryn his gle & of his strokys fullyn 1036

(149)

// Ne iumpere ek no discordaunt þyng in fere 1037
As þus to vsen termys of fysik
In louys termys hold of þyn matere
þ^e forme alway & do þat it be lyk 1040
ffor ȝif a peyntour wolde peynte a pyk
With assis fet & hedit as an ape
It cordyth not so nere it but a iape 1043

(150)

¶ þis conseyl lykede wel to troylis 1044
But as dredful louere seyde he þis
Allas myn dere broþer pandarus
I am a-schamyd for to wryte I-wis 1047
Lest of myn ygnorauncе I seyde amys
Or þat sche nolde for dispit resseyue
þanne were I ded þere myȝte no þyng veyue 1050

(151)

// To þat answerde Pandarus ȝif þ^e lest 1051
Do þat I say & lat me þerwith gone
ffor bi þat lord þat formede est & west
I hope of it to brynge answere a-non 1054
Ryȝt of hire hond & ȝif þat þou nylt non
Let ben & sory mote he ben his lyue
A-ȝens þyn lust þat helpyþ þ^e to þryue 1057

(152)

Quod Troylus depardieux I assente.
Syn þat þe lyst I wil a-ryse and wryte.
And blysful god I pray with good entente.
The viage an þe lettre I shal endite.
So spede it and þow Mynerua þe white.
Yef þow me wit my lettre to deuyse.
And set hym down and wrot ryght yn þis wyse.

(153) (*Troilus's Letter.*)

Fyrst he gan his right lady calle.
His hertes lyf / his lust his sorwes leche.
His blysse. and ek þis opere termes alle.
That yn such cas alle þese loueres seche.
And yn ful humble wyse as in his speche.
He gan hym recomaunde vn-to here grace.
To telle al how it stoth muche space.

(154)

And after ful louely he here prayede. [leaf 83]
To be nought wroth þough he of his folye.
So hardy was to hire to write and seyde.
That loue it made or elles moste he dye.
And pitously gan mercy for to crye.
And after þat he seyde and ley ful loude.
Hym self was lytel worth and lesse he koude.

(155)

And þat she wold han his konnyng excused.
That litel was and ek he dredde hire so.
And his vnworþynesse he ay acused.
And after þat þan gan he telle his wo.
But þat was endeles with-outen ho.
And seyde he wolde yn troupe alwey hym holde.
And radde it ouer and gan þe lettre folde.

(*End of Troilus's Letter.*)

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(152)

¶ Quod Troilus depardieux ich assente
Sith þat þe lest I wil a-rise and wryte
And blisful and pray ich with goode entente
þe vyage and þe letre I shal endite
So spede it / and thow Mynerua the whyte
3if thow me wit my letre to deuyse
And sette hym down and wrot right in his wyse

(153) (*Troilus's Letter.*)

¶ First he gan hire his right lady calle
His hertes lif his last his sorwes leche
His blisse / and ek thise other termes alle
þat in swich cas þis louers alle seche
And in ful humble wyse as in his speche
He gan hym recomaunde vn-to hire grace
To telle alle how it axeth muchel space

(154)

¶ And after þis ful lowely he hire preyde
To be nought wroth / theigh he of his folye
So hardy was to hire to write and seyde
þat loue it made or elles moost he dye
And pitously gan mercy for to crye
And after he seyde and leigh ful lowde
Hym self was litel worth and lesse he kou lc

(155)

¶ And at she shold han his konnynge excused
þat litel was and ek he dradde hire so
And his vnworthynesse he ay acused
And after þat þan gan he telle his wo
But þat was endeles with-outen hoo
And seyde he wolde in throuth al-way hym holde
And radde it ouer and gan þe letre folde

(*End of Tryilus's Letter.*)

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(152)

¶ Quod Troylus depardieux I assent
Syþ þat þ lyst I wele a-ryse & wryte
And blysful god preye I with good entent
þ viage & þe lettere I schal endite
So spede it & mynerue þ white
3if þou me wilt myn lettere to deuyse
And sat hym doun & wrot ryst in þis wise

(153) (*Troilus's Letter.*)

¶ flyrst he gan hire his ryzte lady calle [leaf 44]
His hertis lyf his lust his sorwis leche
His blis & ek þese opere termys alle
þat in swich cas þe loueris alle seche
And in ful vnbelo wise & in his speche
He gan him recommaū[n]de on to hire grace
To telle al how it axeþ meche space

(154)

// And aftyr þis ful lowely he hire preyed
To ben not wrorþ pow he of his folye
So hardy was to hire wryte & seyedē
þat loue it made or eli muste he deye
And pitously gan merci for to crye
And aftyrward he seyde & ley ful loude
Hym self was litil worþy & lesse he coude

(155)

¶ But þat sche schuldo han his gunnynge excused
þat litil was & ek he dradde hire so
And his onworþynesse he ay ascused
And aftyr þat þanne gan he telle his wo
But þat was enfeyned for ay & o
And how he wolde in trenthe alwoy hym holde
And his a dew made & gan it folde

(*End of Tryilus's Letter.*)

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(156)

And with his salty teres gan he bathe. 1086
The ruby yn his signet and it sette.
Vpon þe wex delyuerlyche and rape.
Ther-with a þousand tymes er he lette. 1089
He cussed þo þe lettre þat he shette.
And seyde / lettre / a blyful destene.
The shapen is my lady shal þe se. 1092

(157)

This Pandarus tok þe lettre and þat by tyme. 1093
A morwe and to his Nęces paleys sterte.
And faste he swor þat is was passed pryme.
And gan to Iape and seyde y-wys myn herte. 1096
So fresshi it is al-þough it so smerte.
I may not slepe neuere a Mayes morwe.
I haue a Ioly wo / a lusty sorwe. 1099

(158)

Criseyde whan þat she here vncle herde. 1100
with dredful herte and desirous to here.
The cause of his comynge þus answersde.
Now by youre feyth myn vncle quod she dere. 1103
what maner wyndes gydeth yow now here.
Tel vs youre Ioly wo and youre penaunce.
How ferforth be ye put yn loues daunce. 1106

(159)

By god quod he I hope alwey by-hynde. [leaf 82, back] 1107
And she to laughe it þought here herte brest.
Quod Pandarus lok alwey ye fynde.
Game in myn hod but herkeneth yf yow leste. 1110
Ther *is right now* y-come in to towne a geste.
A grieck espie and telleth newe þynges.
For which I am come to'telle yow newe tidynges. 1113

(156)

¶ And with hise salt teris gan he bathe [leaf 57] 1086
the ruby in his signet and it sette
Vp-on þe wex deliuerliche and rathe
Ther-*with* a thousand tymes er he[1] lette [1 *first, tre*] 1089
He kiste the the-*lettre* that he shette
And seyd lettre a bliful destyne
The shapen is my lady shal þe se 1092

(157)

¶ This Pandare tooke þe lettre and þat by tyme 1093
a-morwe / and to his neces paleys sterte
And faste he swore þat it was passed prime
And gan to Ioye / and seyde y-wys myn herte 1096
So fresshe it is alle though it soore smerte
I may naught slepe neuere a mayes morwe
I haue a Ioly wo a lusty sorwe. 1099

(158)

¶ Creseyde when þat she hire vncle herde 1100
with dredeful herte and desirous to here
þe cause of his comynge thus answerde
Now by 3oure fey myn vncle quod she dere 1103
What maner wyndes gideth 3ow now here
Tel us 3oure Ioly wo and 3oure penaunce
How fer forth be 3e put in loues daunce 1106

(159)

¶ By god quod [he] I hoppe alway by-hynde 1107
And she to laugh it thoughte hire herte breste
Quod Pandarus looke alwey 3e fynde
Game in myn hood but hèrkenet if 3ow leste 1110
Ther is right now come in to towne a gest
A greke aspie and telleth newe thynges
For wich I come telle 3ow new tydynges 1113

(156)

// And *with* hise salte téris he gan bathe[1] 1086
þ[e] rubye in his synet & it sette [1 the, *corrector*]
Vp on þ[e] wex *deliterly* & rape
þerwith a pousent tymys or he lette 1089
He kyste þ[e] lettere whan he hadde it schette
And seyde a blyseful desteny parde
þe schapyn is myn lady schal þ[e] se 1092

(157)

¶ þis Pandarus vp *þerwith* & þat be tyme 1093
On morwe & to his neeys paleys sterte
And seyde slepe 3e & it is pryme
And gan to iape & seyde þus myn herte 1096
So frosch is it þow loue do it smerte
I may not slepe neuere a mayis morwe
I haue a ioli wo & lusti sorwe 1099

(158)

¶ Crisseyde whanne þat sche hire vnkele herde [leaf 44, bk] 1100
With dredful herte & desyrous to here
þe cause of þis comynge þus answerde
Now be myn fay vnkele quod sche dere 1103
What manere wyndis gidiþ 3ow here
Tellith vs 3oure ioli wo & 3oure penaunce
How fer forþ be 3e put in louis daunce 1106

(159)

// By god quod he I hoppe alwey be-hynde 1107
And sche to law & þouste hire herte brest
Quod Pandarus loke þat 3e alwey fynde
Gamyn in myn hod / but herkenyþ 3if þat 3oun leet 1110
here is ryst now come in-to toune a gest
A greke a spie & tellip newe þyngis
for wich come I to telle 3ow tydyngis 1113

(160)

In to þe gardyn go we and ye shal here.
Al preuely of þis a longe sermon.
with þat þey wente arm in arm y fere.
In to þe gardeyn from þe chaumbre doun.
And whan þat he so fer was þat þe soun.
Of þat þey spoke. no man here myghte.
He seyd here þus and out þe lettre plighte.

(161)

Lo he þat is al holly youres fre.
Hym recomaundeth lowly to youre grace.
And sent you þis lettre here by me.
Auiseth you on it whan ye han space.
And of som goodly answere yow purchace.
Or helpe me god so pleynly for to seyne.
He may not longe lyuen for his peyne.

(162)

Ful dredfully þe gan she stonde stille.
And tok it nought but al here humble chere.
Gan for to chaung and seyde scryt ne bille.
For loue of god þat touchep þis matere.
Ne bryng me noon. and also vncle dere.
To myn estat haue more reward I preye.
Than to his lust what sholde I more seye.

(163)

And loketh now yf þis be resonable.
And letteth nought for fauour ne for slouthe.
To seye a soth now were it couenable.
To myn estat by god and by youre trouþe.
To taken it or to han of hym routhe.
In harmyng of my-self or yn-repreue.
Ber it a-geyn for hym þat ye on loue.

(160)

¶ In to þe gardyn go we and ȝe shal here
Al pryuely of þis a longe sermon
With þat þei wenten arm in arm yfere
In to þe gardyn from þe chaumbre doun
And when þat he so fer was þat he soun
Of þat he spake no man heren myghte
He seyd hire thus and out þe lettre plyghte

(161)

¶ Lo he þat is al holly ȝouris fre
Hym recomaundeth lowly to ȝoure grace
And sent ȝow þis letre hire by me
Avyseth ȝow on it whan ȝe han sp[a]ce
And of som goodely answere ȝow purchace
Or helpe me god so pleynly for to seyne
He may not lange lyuen for his peyne

(162)

¶ Ful dredfully tho gan she stonde stylle [leaf 97, back]
And toke it nough[t] but al hire humble chere
Gan for to chaunge and seyde scrit ne bille
For loue of god þat toucheth swiche mat[e]re
Ne bryngge me noon / and also vncle dere
To myn estat haue more rewarde I preye
þan to his lust what sholde I more seye

(163)

¶ And looketh now if þis be resonable
and lette[t]h nought for fauour ne for slouthe
To seyne a sothe now were it conenable
To myn estat hi god and by ȝoure trouthe
To taken it or to han of hym routhe
In harmynge of my self or in reprôue
Ber it ageyn for hym þat ȝe on loue

(160)

¶ In to þ^e gardyn go we & ȝe schal here
Al preuyli of þis a long sarmoun
With þat þey wentyn arm in arm in fere
In to þ^e gardyn from þe chaumbere doun
And whan þat he so fer was þat þ^e soun
Of his wordis no man here myȝte
He seyde þus & out þ^e lettere plyȝte

(161)

// Lo he þat is holli ȝouris fre
Hym recomaundyþ louli to ȝoure grace
And sent ȝow þis lettere here bi me
A-vise ȝow on it whan ȝe han space
And sum goodli answere ȝow purchase
Or helpe god so pleynli for to seyne
He ne may not longe leuyn for his peyne

(162)

¶ fful dredfulli þo / gan sche stonde stylle
And tok it not / but al hire vmbele chere
[1]Gan to schaunge / and[1] seide scrit ne bille [[1—1] corrector]
ffor loue of[2] god / þat touchiþ swich matere [[2] of, corrector]
Ne bryngyth me non / and also vnkele dere
To myn estat / hauyþ more reward I preyze
þan to his lust / what schilde I more seye

(163)

¶ And[1] lokiþ now ȝif þis be resonable [leaf 45]
And letyþ not for fauour ne for slouthe
To seyn a soþ now were it conabele
To myn estat hi god & be ȝoure trouthe
To takyn it or to han of him routhe
In harmynge of myn self or in reprene
Bere it a-gen to hym þat ȝe on loue

(164)

This Pandarus gan on here for to stare. [leaf 34] 1142
And seyde now is þis þe grettest wonder.
That euere I sey lat be þis nyce fare.
To deth mot I be smet with þonder. 1145
If for þe Cite whiche þat stondeth yonder.
wold I a lettre vn-to yow brynge or take.
To harm of yow what lyst yow þus to make. 1148

(165)

But þus ye faren wel nyh al and some. 1149
That he þat most desireth yow to serue.
Of hym ye reche lest wher he bycome.
And wheþer þat he lyue or elles sterue. 1152
But for al þat / þat euere I may deserue.
Refuse it nought quod he and hent here faste.
And yn here bosom þe lettre doun he þraste. 1155

(166)

And seyde here now cast it a-way or noon. 1156
That folk may sen and gaueren on vs tweye.
Quod she I kan a-byde til þey be gon.
And gan to smyle and seyde Em I preye. 1159
Swych answere as yow lyst yow self purueye.
For trewely I wole no lettre write.
No þanne wole I quod he so ye endite. 1162

(167)

Therwith she lough and seyde go we dyne. 1163
And he gan at hym-self to Iape faste.
And seyde Nece I haue so gret a pyne.
For loue þat euery oþer day I faste. 1166
And gan hise beste Iapes forth to caste.
And made here so to laughe at his folye.
That she for laughter wende for to dye. 1169

(164)

¶ This Pandarus gan on hire for to stare 1142
And seyde now is this grettest wonder
That euere I seygh lat be þis nyce fare
To deth mote I smyten be with thonder 1145
If for þe Cite which stondeth ȝonder
walde I a *letre* vn-to ȝow brynge or take
To harm of ȝow what list ȝow þus it make 1148

(165)

¶ But þus ȝe faren wel neigh al and some 1149
þat he þat moste desireth ȝow to serue
Of hym ȝe reche leest wher he bycome
And whether þat he lyue or elles sterue 1152
But for al þat þat euere I may deserue
Refuse it naughte quod he and hynte hire faste
And in hire bosom þe *letre* doun he thraste 1155

(166)

¶ And seyde hire now caste a-wey a-noon 1156
þat folke may seyne and gauren on vs tweye
Quod she I kan abide til they be gone
And gan to smyle and seyde hym Em I preye 1159
Swiche answer as ȝow list ȝoure self purueye
For trewely I nyl no *letre* wryte
No than wol. I quod he so ȝe endite 1162

(167)

¶ Ther-with she lough and seyde go we dyne 1163
And he gan at hym self to Iape faste
and seyde nece I haue so grete a pyne
For loue þat euere-ich other day I faste 1166
and gan his best Iapes forth to caste
And made hire so to laughe at his folye
þat she for laughtere wende for to deye 1169

(164)

// Pandarus gan vp on hire for to stare 1142
And seyde / now is þis þ^e moste wondir
þat euere I hadde / let be þis nyse fare
To deþe mote I smete be with þundir 1145
[. . . . . *no gap in the MS.*] caret
Wolde I a letter to ȝow brynge or take
To harm of ȝow what liste ȝow þus it make 1148

(165)

¶ But þus ȝe fare alle & some 1149
þat he þat most desireþ / ȝow to serve
Of him ȝe reche lest where he become
Or wheþer þat he leue or ell sterve 1152
But for al þat euere I may deserue
Refuse it not quod he & hente hire fast
And in hire bosom þ^e lettere doun he þrast 1155

(166)

// And seide caste it now a-wey a-non 1156
þat folk may it se / & gaure on vs to
Quod sche .I can a-bide / til þey ben gon
And gan to smyle & seyde em I preye 1159
Swich answere as ȝe list ȝoure self purueye
ffor treweliche I nyl non lettere write
No þanne wele I quod he / so ȝe endite 1162

(167)

¶ *þerwith* sche low / & seyde go we dyne 1163
And Pandarus gan / at him self to iape fast
And seyde nece I haue so gret a pyne
ffor loue / þat euery oþer day I fast 1166
And gan his beste / iapis forþ to cast
And made hire so / to lawhe at his folye
þat sche for lauȝtere / wende for to deye 1169

(168)

And whanne þat she was comen in to halle.
Now Em quod she we wole go dyne a-noon.
And gan som of hire women to hire calle.
And streygh[t] in to here chaumbre gan she gon.
But of hire bysynesse þis was on.
A-monges othere þynges out of drede.
Ful prevyly his lettre for to rede.

(169)

Auysed word by word yn euery lyne. [leaf 24, back]
And fond no lak she oughte he koude good.
And vp it putte and went hire yn to dyne.
And Pandarus þat yn a study stood.
Er he was war she took by þe hood.
And seyde ye were caught er ye wyste.
I vouche sauf quod he do what yow lyste.

(170)

Tho wesshen þey and sette hem doun & ete.
And after noone ful sleyly Pandarus.
Gan drawe hym to þe wyndowe nexst þe strete.
And seyde Nece who hath arayed þus.
The yonder hous þat stant a-forn yeyn vs.
which hous quod she. and gan for to byholde.
And knew it wel / and whos it was hym tolde.

(171)

And fillen forth yn speche of þynges sma'e.
And seten yn þe wyndowe boþe tweye.
whan Pandarus sawe tyme to his tale.
And saw wel þat here folk weren a-weye.
Now Nece myn tel on quod he I seye.
How liketh yow þe lettre þat ye wot.
Kan he þer-on for by my trouþe I not.

(168)

¶ And whan þat she was comen in to halle [leaf 25]
Now Em quod she we wol go dyne a-non
And gan some of hire wommen to hire calle
And streght in-to hire chaumber gan she gon
But of hire besynesse þis was oon
Amonge other þynges out of drede
Ful prively this letre for to rede

(169)

¶ Auysed word by word in euery lyne
And fonde no lakke she thoughte he koude goode
And vp it putte and wente hire in to dyne
But Pandarus þat in a stodye stode
Er he was war she toke by þe hoode
And seyde ye war caughte er þat ye wiste
I vouche sauf quod he do what yow liste

(170)

¶ Tho wesshen they and sette hem doun and ete
And after noon ful sleighly Pandarus
Gan drawe hym to þe wyndow next þe strete
And seyde nece who hath arrayed thus
The yonder house þat stant a-forneynes vs
which house quod she / and gan for to byholde
And knewe it wele and whas it was hym tolde

(171)

¶ And fillen forthe in speche of thynges smale
And seten in þe wyndowe bothe tweye
When Pandarus saugh tyme vnto his tale
And saugh wel þat hire folk weren al aweye
Now neece myne tel on quod he I seye
How liketh yow þe lettre that ye wroote
Kan he þer-on for by my trouthe I noot/

(168)

¶ And whan þat sche was com in to halle [leaf 45, back]
Now em *quod* sche we wele go dyne a-non
And gan some of hire women for to calle
And streyt in-to hire chaumbere gan sche gon
But of hire besynesse was þis on
Amongis othere þingis out of drede
ffiul preuyly his lettere for to rede

(169)

// A-vysed euery word be word in euery lyne
And fond no lak sche þouhe he coude goode
And vp it putte & wente hire for to dyne
But pandarus *þat in a stodie stod*
Or he was war sche tok him be þ^e *hond*
And seyde ye were caust or ye wiste
I vouche saf quod he do what ȝ^e liste

(170)

¶ þ^e wesche þey & sette hem doun & ete
And aftyr non ful slyly þis pandaris
Gan drawe hire tyl a window nyȝ þ^e strete
And seyde nece ho hap arayed þus
þ^e ȝondere hous þat stant a-forn vs
Wich hous *quod* sche & gan to beholde
And knew it wel & hos it was hym tolde

(171)

// And fellyn forþ in speche of þyngis smale
And setyn in þ^e windowe boþe tweyne
Whan Pandarus saw tyme to his tale
And saw wel þat hire *folk* were alle a-woye
Now nece myn tel on *quod* he I seye
How likyþ ȝow þ^e lettere þat ȝe wot
Can he þeron for be myn trouthe I not

(172)

Therwith al rosy hewed wax she. 1198
And gan to humme and seyde so I trowe.
A-quyte hym wel for goddes loue *quod* he.
My-self to medes wole þe lettre sowe. 1201
And held hise honde vp and sat on knowe.
Now goode Nece be it neuere so lyte.
Yif me þe labour it to sowe and plyte. 1204

(173)

Ye for I kan so write quod she þo. 1205
And ek I not what I sholde to hym seye.
Nay Nece quod Pandare sey not so.
Yet at the leste þanketh hym I preye. 1208
Of his good wil and doth hym not to dye.
Now for þe loue of me my Nece dere.
Refuseth not at þis tyme my preyere. 1211

(174)

Depar dieux quod she god leue al be wel. [leaf 22] 1212
God helpe me so þis is þe firste lettre.
That euere I wrote ye al or ony del.
And in to a closet for to auyse here bettre. 1215
She wente allone and gan hire herte vnfettre.
Out of disdayns prison but a lyte.
And sette here doun and gan a lettre write. 1218

(175)

Of which to telle in short is myn entente. 1219
Theffect as fer as I kan vnderstonde.
She ponked hym of al þat he wel mente.
Towardes hire / but holden hym in honde. 1222
She wolde nought ne make hire-self bonde.
In loue. but as his suster hym to plese.
She wolde fayne to don his herte an ese. 1225

(172)

¶ Ther-with al rosy hewed the wex she 1198
And gan to homme and seid so I trowe
A-quyte hym wel for goddes loue quod he
My self to medes wol þe *lettre* sowe 1201
And helde his handes vp and satt on knowe
Now gode nece be it neuer so lite
3if me þe labour it to sow*e* and plyte 1204

(173)

¶ 3e for I kan so wryten quod she tho 1205
And ek I noot what I shold to hym seye
Nay nece quod pandare sey not so
3ett at þe leest thonketh hym I preye 1208
Of his goode wil / and doth hym not to dye
Now for þe loue of me my nece dere
Refuseth nat at þis tyme my preyere 1211

(174)

¶ *Depar*-dieux quod she god leue al be wele [ff 22, bk] 1212
God helpe me so this is þe firste lettre
þat euer I wrote ȝe al or any dele
and in-to a closett for tauyse hire bettre 1215
She wente allone and gan her herte vnfettre
Out of desdayns prison but a lite
And sette hire doun and gan a lettre write 1218

(175)

¶ Of which to telle in shorte is myn entent 1219
Theffect as fer as I kan vnderstonde
She thankes hym of al þat he wel mente
Towardes hire / but holden hym in honde 1222
She nolde nought ne make hire selfen bonde
In loue / but as his sister hym to plese
She wold fayne to don his herte an ese 1225

(172)

¶ *þer*withal rosi hewid wex sche 1198
And gan to *humme* & seyde so I trowe
Aquit it wel for godis loue seyþ he
Myn seluen þ*e* medis wolde þ*e* lettere sowe 1201
And held his hondis vp & fel on knowe
Now goode nece be it neuere so lyte
3if me þ*e* labour I wil it sowe & plyte 1204

(173)

¶ 3a for I can so write quod sche þo [leaf 46] 1205
And ek I not what I schulde him seye
Nay nece quod pandaris sey not so
3it at þe leste þankiþ him I preye 1208
Of his goode wil / o doþ him not to deye
Now for þ*e* loue of god myn nece dere
Refuse it not at þis tyde be myn preyere 1211

(174)

// Depardeus *quod* sche god leue al be wel 1212
God help me so þis is þe ferste lettere
þat euere I wrot ȝa al or euery del
And in to a closet forto auyse hire betere 1215
Sche went a lone & gan hire herte onfetere
Out of disdaynys prisoun but a lite
And sat hire doun & gan a lettere wryte 1218

(175)

¶ Of wych to telle in schort is myn entent 1219
þe effectis as fayre as I can vndyr-stonde
Sche þankede *hym* of al *þat* he wel ment
Towardis hire but holdyn *him* in holde 1222
Sche nolde nought ne makyn hire self bonde
In loue but as his sustir him to plese
Sche wolde ay fayn don his hertete ese 1225

(176)

She shette it and to Pandarus gan gon 1226
There as he sat and loked in to a strete.
And doun she sette here by hym on a ston.
Of Iaspre. vp-on a quysshon gold y-bete. 1229
And seyde as wysly helpe me god þe grete.
I neuere dide a þing with more peyne.
Than write this to whiche ye me constreyne. 1232

(177)

And tok it hym he þonked here and seyde. 1233
God wot of þing ful ofte loth bygonne.
Cometh ende good / and Nece myn Criseyde.
That ye to hym of hard now be y-wonne. 1236
Oughte he be glad by god and yonder sonne.
For whi men seyth impressions lyghte.
Ful lyghtly ben ay redy to þe flyghte. 1239

(178)

But ye han pleyed tyraunt neigh to longe. 1240
And hard was it youre herte for to graue.
Now stynte þat ye no longere on it honge.
Al wolde ye þe forme of daunger saue. 1243
But hasteþ yow to don hym Ioye haue.
For trusteth wel to longe don hardnesse.
Causeth despit ful often for distresse. 1246

(179)

And right as he declamed this matere. [leaf 45, back] 1247
Lo Troylus right at þe stretes ende.
Com rydyng with his tenþe some yfere.
Al softly / and þederwardes gan bende. 1250
Ther as þey sete as was his wey to wende.
To paylaysward. and Pandarus hym aspyde.
And seyde Nece y-se who cometh here ryde. 1253

(176)

¶ Sche shette it and in to Pandare gan gone 1226
Ther as he satte and loked in to þe strete
And doun she sette hire by hym on a stone
Of Iapery / vp on a quysshen gold y-bette 1229
And seyde as wysly help me god the grete
I neuere dide a thynge with more peyne
Than writyn this / to whiche ȝe me constreyne 1232

(177)

And toke it hym / he thanked hire and seyde 1233
God woot of thynge ful often loth by-gonne
Comth ende goode and nece myn Creseyde
That ȝe to hym of harde now ben ywonne 1236
Ought he be gladde / by god and ȝonder sonne
For why men seith impressyons lighte
Ful lightely ben ay redy to þe flyghte 1239

(178)

¶ But ȝe han pleyed tiraunt neigh to longe 1240
And harde was it ȝoure herte for to graue
Now stynte þat ȝe no longer on it honge
Al walde ȝe þe fourme of daunger saue 1243
But hasteth ȝow to don hym Ioye haue
For trusteht wel to longe ydon hardnesse
Causeth despite ful often for destresse 1246

(179)

¶ And right as they declamed þis matere 1247
Lo Troylus right at þe stretes ende
Com ridynge with his tenthe sonne yfeere
Al softely and thiderward gan bende 1250
Þer as þei sete as was his wey to wende
To payleysseward / and Pandarus hym aspiede
and seyde nece I-see who comth here ryde 1253

(176)

// Sche schotte it & to pandaris in[1] gan gon 1226
Þere as he sat & lokede in to þe strete [I le in corrected]
Adoun sche sette hire bi him on a ston
Of iasper on a quysschyn gold I-bete 1229
And seyde as wisely help[2] me god þe grete [2 p corrected]
I neuere did a þyng with more peyne
Þan write þis to wich ȝe me constreyne 1232

(177)

¶ And tok it him he þankede hire & seyde 1233
God wot of þyngis ful ofte loþ be-gunne
Comyth ende god & nece myn Crisseyde
Þat ȝe to hym of hard now ben I-wonne 1236
Auȝte he be glad by god & ȝoþer sonne
ffor whi men sey Impressiou[n]s lyȝt [Stanza 177 is repeated (but crossed out) on leaf 46, back, with 'ȝone' for 'ȝoþer' in l. 1237, and 'impressions' in l. 1238.]
fful lyȝteli ben ay redi to þe flyȝt / 1239

(178)

¶ But ȝe han pleyed þe tyraunt nyȝh to longe [lf 46, bk] 1240
And hard was it ȝoure herte for to graue
Now stynte þat ȝe no lengere on it honge
Al wolde ȝe þe forme of daunger saue 1243
But hastyth ȝow to don him ioye haue
ffor trosteþ wel to longe don hardnesse
Causeþ dispit ful ofte for distresse 1246

(179)

// And ryȝt as þey declamede þis matere 1247
Lo Troylis riȝt at þe stretis ende
Come rydende with his tensum in fere
Al softely & þedirward gan bende 1250
Þere as þey sete as was his way to wende
To paleys ward & Pandarus him aspiede [3 dende corrected]
And seyde nece lo ho comyþ here rydende[3] 1253

(180)

O fle not yn / he seyth vs I suppose. 1254
Lest he may þynke þat ye hym eschuwe.
Nay nay quod she / and waxe as red as þe rose.
with þat he gan hire humbly to saluwe. 1257
with dredful chere and ofte his hewes muwe.
And vp his look debonairly he caste.
And bekked on Pandare and forth paste. 1260

(181)

God wot yf he sat on his hors a right. 1261
Or goodly was beseyn þat ilke day.
God wot whe[r] he was lyk a manly knyght.
what sholde .I. drecche or telle of his aray. 1264
Criseyde which þat all these þynges say.
To telle yn short hire lyked al yfere.
His persone his aray his look his chere. 1267

(182)

His goodly manere and his gentillesse. 1268
So wel þat neuere sith þat she was born.
Ne hadde she swych a rouþe of his distresse.
And how so she hath hard ben here byforn. 1271
To god hope I she hath nowe caught a þorn.
She shal not pulle it out þis nexst wyke.
God sende mo swich þornes on to pyke. 1274

(183)

Pandare which þat stod hire faste by. 1275
Felt Iren hot and he by-gan to smyte.
And seyde Nece I pray yow hertely.
Telle me þat I shal axen yow a lyte. 1278
A womman þat were of his deth to wyte.
with-outen his gilt but for hire lakked routhe.
were it wel don / quod she nay by my trouthe. 1281

(180)

¶ O fle nought In he seth vs I suppose [leaf 29] 1254
Lest he may thynken þat ȝe hym eschewe
Nay quod she and wex as rede as rose
with þat he gan hire humbly to salwe 1257
with dredeful chere and oft his hewes muwe
And up his look debonairly he caste
And bekked on Pandare and forth he paste 1260

(181)

¶ God woot If he satt on his hors aright 1261
Or goodely was by-seyn that ilke day
God woot wher he was like a manly knyghte
what shold I dretche or telle of his array 1264
Criseyde whiche þat al þis thynges sey
To telle in short hire liked alle y-feere
His persone his array his look his chere 1267

(182)

¶ His goodely manere and his gentilesse 1268
So wel þat neuere sith þat she was borne
Ne hadde she swiche routhe of his distresse
And how so sche harde ben here biforne 1271
To god hope I she hath nowe caught a thorne
She shal nought pul it out this next weke
God send mo swich thornes on to pyke 1274

(183)

¶ Pandare which þat stood hire fast by 1275
Felt Iren hoot and he bigan to smyte
And seyde nece I preye ȝow hertly
Telle me þat I shal axen ȝow a lyte 1278
a wo*m*man þat were of his deth to wyte
with-outen his gylte but for hire lakked routhe
were it wele don quod she nay by my trouthe 1281

(180)

¶ O fle not in / he sey vs I suppose 1254
Lest he may þynke þat ȝe hi*m* eschewe
Nay nay q*uo*d sche & wex as red as rose
W*ith* þat he gan hire / humili salue 1257
W*ith* dredful chere & eft gan his hewis newe
And vp his lok debonerly he caste
And bekkede on Pandarus & forþ he passede 1260

(181)

// God wot ȝif he sat on his hors a ryȝt 1261
Or goodly was be-seyn þat ilke day
God wot where he was lyk a manli kn[y]ȝt
What schulde I dreche to telle of his aray 1264
Cresseide w*ith* þay these[1] þyngis say [1 case corrected]
To telly*n* schort / þey likede in fere
His p*er*son . his aray . his lok . his chere. 1267

(182)

¶ His goodli maner & his gentilnesse [leaf 47] 1268
So wel þat neuere siþe þat sche was borne
Ne hadde sche swich reuthe of his distresse
And how so sche haþ hard ben here be-forne 1271
To god hope / sche haþ now cauȝt a þorne
Sche schal not pulle it out þ^e nexte weyke
God sende ȝow sweche þornys on to pyke 1274

(183)

// Pandar*us* w*ith* þat stod hire faste by 1275
ffelte þ^e þorn hot & he be-gan to smyte
And seyde nece I prei ȝow hertely
Tel me þat I schal axe at ȝ^e a lite 1278
A woman þat were of his deþ to wite
W*ith*-outy*n* his gilt but for here lak of reuthe
Were it wel don quod he / nay be myn treuthe 1281

(184)

God helpe me so quod he ye sey me soth. [Jest 36] 1282
Ye felen wel youre self þat I not lye.
Lo yond he ritt / *quod* she so he doth.
wel quod Pandare as I haue told yow þrye. 1285
Lat be youre Nice shame and youre folye.
And spek with hym in esyng of his herte.
Lat Nicete not do yow boþe smerte. 1288

(185)

But þer-on was to heuen and to done. 1289
Considered all þyng it may not be.
And whi for shame / and it were ek to soone.
To graunten hym so gret a liberte. 1292
For playnly hire entent as seyde she.
was for to loue hym vnwist if she myghte.
And guerdone hym with no þyng but with sighte. 1295

(186)

But Pandarus þoughte it shal not be so. 1296
Yf þat I may this nyce opinioun.
Schal not be holde fully yeres two.
what sholde I make of þis a long sermoun. 1299
He moste assente on þat conclusioun.
As for þe tyme and whanne þat it was Eue.
And al was wel / he ros and toke his leue. 1302

(187)

And on his wey ful faste homward he spedde. 1303
And right for Ioye he felte his herte daunce.
And Troylus he fond a-lone a-bedde.
That lay as doth þese loueres yn a traunce. 1306
By-twixen hope and derk desesperaunce.
But Pandarus right at his in-comynge.
He song as who seyth sumwhat I brynge. 1309

(184)

¶ God help me so quod he ȝe say me soth 1282
Ȝe felen wele ȝoure self þat I naught lye
loo ȝonde he ride quod she ȝe so he doth
wele quod Pandare as I haue tolde ȝow thrye 1285
Lat be ȝoure nyce shame and ȝoure folye
And spek with hym in esynge of his herte
Lat nycete nat do bathe ȝow smerte 1288

(185)

¶ But þer-on was to heuen and to doone 1289
Considered al thynge it may nat be
And why for shame and it were eke to soene
To graunten hym so grete a liberte 1292
For pleynly hire entente as seyde she
was for to loue hym vnwyste if she myghte
and guerdon hym with no thynge but *with* sighte 1295

(186)

¶ But Pandarus thought it shal nough[t] be so [If 29, bk] 1296
Ȝif þat I may this nyce opinyon
Schal nought be holden fully ȝeres tweye
what shold I mak of þis a longe sermone 1299
He most assente on þat conclusioun
As for þe tyme / and when þat it was euen
And alle was wele he roos and toke his leue 1302

(187)

¶ And on his wey ful fast homwarde he spedde 1303
And right for Ioye he felt his herte daunce
And Troilus he fond allone a-bedde
þat lay as dose þis louers in a traunce 1306
Bytwyxen hope and derke desesperaunce
But Pandarus right at hys in comynge
He song as who seith somwhat I brynge 1309

(184)

¶ God helpe me so *quod* he ȝe say me soþ 1282
Ȝe fele wel *ȝoure* self þat I ne lye
Lo ȝondir he rit ȝa *quod* sche so he doþ
Wel *quod* pandar as I haue *tolde* ȝow þrye 1285
Let ben *ȝoure* nyse schame & *ȝoure* folye
And speke *with him* in esynge of his herte
Let nysete not don ȝow boþe smerte 1288

(185)

// But þeron was to heuyn & to done 1289
Considerid alle þynge it may not be
And why? for speche / & it were ek *to* sone.
To graunte *him* ȝit so gret a liberte 1292
ffor pleynly hire entent as seyde sche
Was for to louyn *him* onwist ȝif sche myȝt
And guerdoun *him* *with* no þyng but *with* syȝt 1295

(186)

¶ But pandarus þouȝte it schulde not ben so 1296
Ȝif þat I may þis nyse opinioun
Schal not ben holde fully ȝeris too
What schuld I make of *þis a long sarmoun* 1299
He muste asente on þat conclusioun
As for þe tyme & whanne þat it was eue
And al was wel / he ros & tok his leue 1302

(187)

¶ And on his wey fulfaste homward he spedde [If 47, bk] 1303
And ryȝt for ioye he felte his herte daunce
And troilus he fond a-lone in bedde
þat lay as don ȝe loueris in a traunce 1306
Be-tweþe hope & derke *disesperaunce*
But Pandarus ryȝt at his incomynge
He song as ho seþ sumwhat I brynge 1309

(188)

And seyde who is in his bed so soone. 1310
Y-buryed þus / it am I frend quoð he
who Troylus / nay helpe me so þe mone
Quo[d] Pandarus þow shalt ryse and se. 1313
A charme þat was sent right now to þe.
The which kan helen þe of þyn accesse.
yf þow do forth with al þi besynesse. 1316

(189)

Ye thorugh þe myght of god quod Troylus. [leaf 26, back] 1317
And Pandarus gan hym þe lettre take.
And seyde Par de god hath holpen vs.
Haue here a lyght and loke on al þis blake. 1320
But ofte gan þe herte glade and quake.
Of Troylus whil þat he gan it rede.
So as þe wordes yaf hym hope or drede. 1323

(190)

But fynally he tok al for þe beste. 1324
That she hym wrot for sumwhat he byheld.
On which hym þoughte he myghte his herte reste.
Al couered she þe wordes vnder shold. 1327
Thus to þe more worþi part he held.
That what for hope and Pandarus byhest
His grete wo foryede he at þe leste. 1330

(191)

But as we may alday oure seluen se. 1331
Thorugh more wode and col þe more fyr.
Right so encres of hope of what it be.
Therwith ful ofte encresseth ek desir. 1334
Or as an ok cometh of a lital spir.
So þorugh þis letre which þat she hym sente.
Encressen gan desir of which he brente. 1337

(188)

¶ And seyde who is in his bed so soone 1310
I-buryed thus it am I frende quod he
who Troilus nay help me so þe moone
Quod Pandarus þow shalt arise and se 1313
a charme / þat was sent right now to þe
þe whiche kan helen þe of thyn accesse
If þow do forth with al þi besynesse 1316

(189)

¶ Ye thought þe myght of god quod Troilus 1317
And Pandarus gan hym þe letre take
And seyde pardee god hath holpen vs
Haue here a light and loke on alle þe blake 1320
But oft gan the herte glade and qwake
Of Troilus / whil þat he gan it rede
So as þe wordes 3aue hym hope or drede 1323

(190)

¶ But finaly he toke al for þe beste 1324
þat she hym wroot for somwhat he bihelde
On which hym thought he myght his herte reste
Al couered she þe wordes vnder shelde 1327
þus to þe more worthy part he helde
þat what for hope and Pandarus biheste
His grete wo for-3ede he at þe leeste 1330

(191)

¶ But as we may alday oure selwen see 1331
Thorw mor wode or cole more fire
Right so encrees of hope of what it be
þer-with ful ofte encresseth ek desire 1334
Or as an ook comth of a litel spire
So thorwgh þis letre which þat she hym sente
Encressen gan desir of which he brente 1337

(188)

// And seyde who is in his bedde so sone 1310
I-beried þus it am I þyn frende quod he
Who troylis nay help me so þe mone
Quod Pandarus þou schalt a-ryse & se 1313
A charm þat was ryst now sent to þe
þe whiche can hele þe of þyn accesse
So þat þou do forþ þyn besinesse 1316

(189)

¶ 3a þour þe myst of god quod troilis 1317
And pandarus gan him þe lettere take
And seyde parde god hap holpin vs
Haue here a lettere & loke on alle þese blake 1320
Lord ofte gan þe herte glade & quake
Of Troilus whil þat he gan it rede
So as þe wordis 3eue hym hope & drede 1323

(190)

// But finally he tok al for þe beste 1324
þat sche him wrot for sumwhat he be-hild
On whiche he þouste he myste his herte reste
Alle couered sche þe wordis vndyr schild 1327
þus to þe more worþi part he hel[d]
þat what for hope & pandarus behest
His grete wo for-3ede he at þe lest 1330

(191)

¶ But as we may alde oure selwyn se 1331
þour more wode or cole þe more fere
Ryst so encresep hope of what it be
þerwith ful oftyn cresep ek desyre 1334
Or as an ok comyþ of a litýl spyre
So þour þis lettere wich þat sche hym sende
Encresyn gan desyr of wych he brende 1337

(192)

Wherfore I seye alwey þat day and nyght. 1338
This Troylus gan to desiren more.
Than he dede erst þurgh hope and dide his myght.
To pressen on as by Pandarus lore. 1341
And writen to hire of his sorwes sore.
Fro day to day he leet it not refreyde.
That by Pandare he wrot somwhat or seyde. 1344

(193)

And dide also hise opere obseruaunces. 1345
That to a louere longeth yn þis cas.
And after þat þese dees turnede on chaunces.
So was he outher glad or seyde allas. 1348
And held after his gistes ay his pas.
And aftir swych answeres as he hadde.
So were hise dayes sory outher glade. 1351

(194)

But to Pandarus alwey was his recours. [leaf 32] 1352
And pytouely gan ay til hym to pleyne.
And hym bysoughte of red and som socours.
And Pandarus þat sey his wod peyne. 1355
wex wel neigh ded for ruþe soth to seyne.
And bysily with al his herte caste.
Som of his wo to alen and þat as faste. 1358

(195)

And seyde lord and frend and broþer dere. 1359
God wot þat þi disheas doth me wo.
But woltow stynten al þis woful chere.
And by my trouþe or it be dayes two. 1362
And god to-forn yet shal I shape it so.
That þou shalt come in-to a certayn place.
There as þow mayst þi self hire preye of grace. 1365

(192)

¶ wher-for I seye alwey þat day and nyghte [leaf 39] 1338
þis Troilus gan to desir moore
þan he dide arst thorugh hope and his myghte
To pressen on as by Pandarus lore 1341
And wryten to-hire of his sorwes soore
Fro day to day he leet it nought refreyde
þat by Pandare he wroot somwhat or seyde 1344

(193)

¶ And dide also his other obseruaunce 1345
þat tille a louer longeth in þis cas
And after þat thise dees torned on chaunce
So was he outher glad or seyde allas 1348
And helde efter his gestes ay his pas
As eftir swich answere as he hadde
So were his dayes sory outher gladde 1351

(194)

¶ But to Pandare alway was his recours 1352
And pitouali gan ay til hym to pleyne
And hym bisoughte of rede and som socours
And Pandarus þat say his woode peyne 1355
wex wel neigh dede for routhe soth to seyne
And bisily with al his herte caste
Som of his wo to alen and þat as faste 1358

(195)

¶ And seyd lorde and frende and brother dere 1359
God woot þat þi disese doth me wo
But wiltow stynten al þis woful chere
And by my trouthe or it be dayes two 1362
And god to-forn þet shal I shape it so
þat þow schalt come in-to a certeyn place
þer as þow maist þi selft hire preye of grace 1365

(192)

¶ Where-fore I say alway þat day & nyȝt [leaf 45] 1338
þis Troylis gan to desiryn more
þan he dede erst þour hope & dede his myȝt
To presen on as bi Pandarus lore 1341
And writyn to hire of his sorwis sore
ffrom dai to day he let it not refreyde
þat bi pandarus sumwhat he wrot & seyde 1344

(193)

// And dede also hise opere obseruauncis 1345
þat til a louere longiþ in þis cas
And aftyr þat his deis turnede on chauncis
So was he oþer glad oþer seyde allas 1348
And held aftyr / hise gestis ay hise pas
And aftyr swiche-answeris as he had
So were hise dais sori oþer glad 1351

(194)

¶ But to pandarus was alwey his recours 1352
And pitouali gan ay to him pleyne
And hym besoute of red or sum socours
And Pandarus þat say his wode peyne 1355
Wex wol ner ded soþ to seyne
And busili with al his herte caste
Sum of his wo to alen an þat as faste 1358

(195)

// And seide lord & frend & broþer dere 1359
God wot þat þyn disese doþ me wo
But wilt þou stynt al þis woful chere
And be myn trouthe or it be dayis to 1362
And god to-fore þit schal I schape it so
þat þou schalt come into a certeyn place
þere as þou maist þyn self / preye hire of grace 1365

(196)

And certaynly I not yf þow it wost. 1366
But þo þat ben expert yn loue it seye.
It is oon of þe þynges þat furþereth most.
A man to haue a leyser for to preye. 1369
And syker place his wo for to bywreye.
For yn good herte it mot som rouþe impresse.
To here and se þe gilt[l]es in distresse. 1372

(197)

Paraunter þenkestow þough it be so. 1373
That kynde wolde don here to bygynne.
To han a manere rouþe vp-on my wo.
Seyth daunger nay þow shalt me neuere wynne. 1376
So reuleþ here hire hirtes gost with-Inne.
That þough she bende yet she stant on rote.
That in effect is þis vn-to my bote. 1379

(198)

Thenk here a-yens whan þat þe sturdy ok. 1380
On which men hakketh ofte for þe nones.
Receyued hath þe happy fallyng strok.
The grete sweigh doth it to come al at onys. 1383
As doth þese rokkes or þese myl-stones.
For swyfter cours cometh þyng þat is of wighte.
whan it descendeth þan don þynges lyghte. 1386

(199)

And ried þat boweth doun for euery blast. [leaf 37, back] 1387
Ful lightly cesse wynde it wold a-ryse.
But so nyl not an ok whan it is cast.
It nedeth me nought þe longe to forbyse. 1390
Men shal reioyssen of a gret emprise.
Acheued wel and stant with-outen doute.
Al han men ben þe lengere þer aboute. 1393

(196)

¶ And certeynly I noot If thow it woste 1366
But þo þat ben expert in loue it seye
It is oon of þe thynges forthreth moste
A man to have a leyser for to preye 1369
And syker place his wo for to by-wreye
For in good hert it moot som routhe impresse
To here and se the giltelees in distresse 1372

(197)

¶ Paraunter thynkestow though it be so 1373
þat kynde wolde don hire to begynne
To han a maner routh vp-on my wo
Seith daunger nay thow shalt me neuere wynne 1376
So reuleth hire hire hertes goost wiþ-Inne
þat though she bende ȝet she stant on roote
what in effect is þis vn-to my boote 1379

(198)

¶ Thenk here aȝenis when that the stordy ooke [leaf 30, back]
On which men hakketh oft[e] for the nones
Receyued hath the happy fallynge stroke
The grete swough doth it to come al at ones 1383
As don þise rokkes or thise mylne stones
For swifter coures cometh thynge þat is of wyghte
when it descendeth than don thynges lyghte 1386

(199)

¶ And ried that boweth dowen for euery blaste 1387
Ful lightly cesse wynde it wil a-rise
But so nyl nought an ook when it is cast
It nedeth me nougth þe longe to forbise 1390
Men shal reioysen of a grete empryse
A-cheued wel and stant with-outen doute
Al han men ben þe longer ther aboute 1393

(196)

¶ And certeynli I not ȝif þou it wost 1366
But þo þat ben expert in loue it seye
þat on of þe þyngis þat fer-rerith most
A man to han a leyser for to preye 1369
And secret place his wo to be-wreye
ffor in good herte it mot sum routhe in presse
To here & se þe gilteles in distrese 1372

(197)

¶ Peraunter þinkist þou þow it be so [leaf 42, back] 1373
þat kynde wolde don hire for to begynne
To han a maner routhe vp-on myn wo
Seyth daunger nay þou schalt me neuere wynne 1376
So prenely hire herte goþ with-inne
þat þow sche bende ȝit sche stond onrote
What [1]affect is þis vnto myn bete [1 af corrected] 1379

(198)

// þynke here a-ȝens whan þat þe sturdi ok 1380
On wich men hakke[2] ofte for þe nonys [2 hakke, hese, corrected]
Receyuid haþ hese[3] happy fallynge strok
þe grete swey makiþ it to falle al at onys 1383
[3]As don þe rochis or þe melle stonys [3—3 by a corrector]
ffor swiftere cours comyth thyng that is on weyghte
Whan it discendyth than don thyngis lyght 1386

(199)

// But red that doun wyth euery blast doun 1387
fful lyghtly sese wynd it wil aryse[3]
But so wele not an ok whan it is cast
It nediþ me not longe þe forbise 1390
Men schal reioye of a gret empresse
Acheuyd wel & stont with-outyn doute
Al-han men ben þe lengere þereaboute 1393

(200)

But Troylus yet telle me yf þe lyste. 1394
A þing now which þat I shal axen þe.
which is þi broþer þat þow louest best.
As yn þi verray hertes preuyte. 1397
I-wys my broþer deyphebus quod he.
Now quod Pandare er owres twyes twelue.
He shal þe ese vnwyst of it hym selue. 1400

(201)

Now lat me allone and werken as I may. 1401
Quod he. and to Deiphebus wente he þo.
which hadde his lord and gret frend ben ay.
Saue Troylus no man he loued so. 1404
To telle in short with-outen wordes mo.
Quod Pandarus I pray yow þat ye be.
Frend to a cause whiche þat toucheþ me. 1407

(202)

Yis parde quod Deiphebus wel þow wost. 1408
In al þat euere I may and god to-forn.
Al nere it but for man I loue most.
My broþer Troylus but sey wherfore. 1411
It is / for sith þat day þat I was bore.
I na / ne neuere mo to ben I þenke.
A-yeyns a þyng þat myght þe for-thynke. 1414

(203)

Pandare gan hym þonke and to hym seyde. 1415
Lo sire I haue a lady yn þis town.
That is my nece and called is Crisseyde.
which som men wolden do oppressioun. 1418
And wrongfully haue hire possessioun.
wherfor I of youre lordship yow byseche.
To ben oure frend with-oute more speche. 1421

(200)

¶ But Troilus þat tel me if þe lest 1394
A thynge now which þat I shal axen þe
whiche is þi brother þat thow louest best
as in þi verray hertes pryuyte 1397
I-wis my brother deiphebus quod he
Now quod Pandare er houres twies twelue
He shal þe ese vnwyst of it hym selue 1400

(201)

¶ Now lat malone and werken as I may 1401
Quod he / and to deiphebus wente he tho
Which hadde his lord and grete frend ben ay
Saue Troilus / no man he loued so 1404
To tel in shorte wit-outen wordes mo
Quod Pandarus I preye ȝow þat ȝe be
Frende to a cause which þat toucheth me 1407

(202)

¶ ȝis parde quod deiphebus wel thow woost 1408
In al þat euer y may and god to-fore
Al nere it but for man I loue moost
My brother Troilus / but sey wher-fore 1411
It is / for sith þat day þat I was bore
I nas ne neuere mo to ben I thynke
a-ȝeins a thynge þat mygth þe for-thynke 1414

(203)

¶ Pandare gan hym thanke and to hym seyde 1415
Lo sire I haue a lady in þis town
þat is my nece and called is Cryseyde
which som men wolden don oppression 1418
And wrongfully han hire possession
wher-for I of ȝour lordchip ȝow besheche
To ben oure frend with-outen more speche 1421

(200)

// But Troylis telle me now ȝif þ^e lyst 1394
A þyng wich þat I schal axens^l þe [s. first 3]
Wich is þyn broþer þat þou louis best
As in þyn veray herteis priuite 1397
I-wis myn broþer deiphebus quod he
Quod Pandarus or ouris twies twelwe
He schal þ^e ese onwist of it hym selue 1400

(201)

¶ Now let me a lone & werke as I may 1401
Quod he & to deiphebus wente þo
Which hadde his lord & gret frend ben ay
Saue Troylis no man he louyd so 1404
To telle in schort with-oute wordis mo
Quod Pandarus I preye þat ȝe be
ffrend to a cause which þat touchiþ me 1407

(202)

¶ ȝis parde quod deiphebus wel þou wist [leaf 40] 1408
In al þat euere I may & god to-fore
Al nere it but for man I loue most
Myn broþer troylus but sey wherefore 1411
It is forsoþe þ^e day þat I was bore
I nas / neueuermore / to ben I þynke
A-ȝens a þyng þat myȝte þ^e forþynke 1414

(203)

// Pandarus gan hym þanke & to hym seyde 1415
Lo sere I haue a ladi in þis toun
þat is myn nece & called is Cresseide
Wich summe men woldyn don oppressioun 1418
And wrongli han hire possescioun
Wherfore I of ȝoure lordschepe I ȝow bo-seche
To ben oure frend with-outyn more speche 1421

(204)

Deiphebus hym answerde o is not þis. [leaf 38] 1422
That þow spekest of to me so straungely.
Criseyda my frend / he seyde yis.
Thanne nedeth quod Deiphebus hardely. 1425
Nomore to speke for trusteþ wel þat I.
wol be hire champioun with spore and yerde.
I rought nought þough alle here foos it herde. 1428

(205)

But telle me þow þat wost alle þis matere. 1429
How I myght best auaylen now lat se.
Quod Pandarus yf ye my lord so dere.
wolden as now don þis honour to me. 1432
To prayen here to morwe. lo þat she.
Com vn-to yow here pleyntes to deuyse.
Hire aduersaries wolde of hit agryse. 1435

(206)

And yf I more dorste prey yow as now. 1436
And chargen yow to haue so gret trauayle.
To han som of youre breþeren here with yow.
That myghten to here cause bet auayle. 1439
Than wot I wel she myght neuere fayle.
For to be holpen what at youre Instaunce.
what with here oþere frendes gouernaunce. 1442

(207)

Deiphebus wh[i]ch þat comen was of kynde. 1443
To al honour and bounte to consente.
Answered it shal be don / and I kan fynde.
Yet grettere help to þis yn myn entente. 1446
what wolt þow seyn yf I for Eleyne sente.
To speke of þis I trowe it be þe beste.
For she may ledyn Paris as here leste. 1449

(204)

¶ Deiphebus hym answerde o is nat this [leaf 31] 1422
þat þow spekest of to me þus schraungely
Criseyde my frende he seyde this
Than nedeth quod deiphebus Hardely 1425
Namore to speke / for trusteth wel þat I
wol be hire champyon with spere and ȝerde
I rought naught though alle hire foos it herde 1428

(205)

¶ But telle me thow þat woost alle þis matere 1429
How I myght beste auaylen now lat se
Quod pandarus if ȝe my lord so dere
wolden as now do þis honour to me 1432
To preyen hire to mo[r]we lo þat she
Com vn-to ȝow hire pleyntes to deuyse
Hire aduersaries wold of it agryse 1435

(206)

¶ And ȝif I more dorst preye ȝow as now 1436
And charden ȝow to han so grete trauelle
To han some of ȝoure brethern here with ȝow
þat myght to hire cause bet auayle 1439
þan woot I wele she myght neuere fayle
For to ben holpen what at ȝoure instaunce
what with hire other frendes generaunce 1442

(207)

¶ Deiphebus which þat comen was of kynde 1443
To alle honour and bounte to consente
Answerde it shal be don and I kan fynde
Ȝette grettere hepe to þis in myn entente 1446
what wiltow seyn if I for Eleyne sente
To speke of þis I trow it be þe beste
For she may leden paris as hire lyste 1449

(204)

¶ Deiphebus him answered o ist not þis 1422
þat þou spekist of to me þus straungely
Crisseyde myn frend he seide ȝis
þanne nediþ quod deiphebus hardeli 1425
No more of þis for trostiþ wel þat I
Wolde be hire chaumpioun with spere & ȝerde
I rouȝte not þow alle hire fois it herde 1428

(205)

// But telle me how þou wolt of þis matere 1429
It myȝte best auaile now lat se
Qod Pandarus / ȝif ȝe myn lord so dere
Woldin as now don þis honour to me 1432
And preyin hire to morwe lo þat sche
Come on to ȝow hire pleyntis to deuyse
Hyre aduersarie wolde of it agryse 1435

(206)

¶ And ȝif I more durste preye as now 1436
And chargyn ȝ^u to han so gret trauayle
To han some of ȝoure breþeryn here with ȝ^u
þat myȝtyn in hire cause bet auayle 1439
þat wot I wel sche myȝte neuere fayle
ffor to ben holpin what at ȝoure instaunce
What with hire oþere frendis gouernaunce 1442

(207)

¶ Deiphebus with þat comyn was of kynde [leaf 49, back] 1443
To alle honour & bounte to consent
Answerede it schal be don & I can fynde
ȝit grettere helpe to þis in myn entent 1446
What wilt þou seyn ȝif I for eline sent
To speke of þis I trowe it be þ^e best
ffor sche may lede paris as hire lest 1449

(208)

Of Ector which þat is my lord my broþer. 1450
It nedeth nought to prey hym frend to be.
For I haue herd hym o tyme ek and oþer.
Speke of Criseyde swich honour þat he. 1453
May seyn no bet swych hap to hym haþ she.
It nedeth nought his helpes for to craue.
He shal be swych right as we wole hym haue. 1456

(209)

Spek þow þi-self also to Troylus. [leaf 33, back] 1457
On myn byhalue and pray hym with vs dyne.
Sire al þis shal be don quod Pandarus.
And toke his leue. and neuere-wolde he fyne. 1460
But to his Neces hous as streyt as lyne.
He com. and fond here fro þe mete a-ryse.
And sette hym down. and spak right in þis wyse. 1463

(210)

He seyde o veray god. so haue I ronne. 1464
Lo Nece se ye nought how I swete.
I not wheþer ye me þe more þank konne.
Be nought war how fals Polyphete. 1467
Is now aboute eft soones for to plete.
And bryng on yow aduocacies newe.
I no quod she and chaunged al here hewe. 1470

(211)

What is he more aboute me to drecche. 1471
And don me wrong what shal I do allas.
Yet of hym self no þyng nold I recche.
Nere it for Antenor and Eneas. 1474
That ben his frendys yn swych manere cas.
But for þe loue of god myn vncle dere.
No fors of þat late hym haue al y-fere. 1477

(208)

¶ Of Ector wiche þat is my lorde my brother 1450
It nedeth nought to preye hym frende to be
For I haue herde hym o tyme and ek other
Speke of Criseyde swich honour þat he 1453
þat he may sey no bet / swich hap to hym hath she
It nedeth nought hise helpes for [to] craue
He shal be swiche right as we wol hym haue 1456

(209)

¶ Spek thow þi self also to troylus 1457
On my bihalue and preye hym with vs dyne
Sir al þis shal be don quod Pandarus
And took his leue / and neuere gan to fyne 1460
But to his neces house as streght as lyne
He com / and fond hire fro þe mete arise
And sette hym down and spak right in þis wyse 1463

(210)

¶ He seyde o verray god so haue I ronne [leaf 31, back] 1464
Lo nece myn se ȝe nought how I swete
I not whether ȝe þe more thank me konne
Be nought ware how fals polyphete 1467
Is now aboute eft sones for to plete
And brynge on ȝow aduocacies newe
I no quod she and chaunged al hire hewe 1470

(211)

¶ what is he more aboute me to dereche 1471
and don me wronge what shal I don allas
ȝet of hym self no thynge ne wolde I reche
Nere it for antenor and Eneas 1474
þat ben his frendes in swich manere cas
But for þe loue of god Myn vncle dere
No fors of þat lat hym han alle I-fere 1477

(208)

// Ector with þat is myn lord myn broþer 1450
It nediþ not to prey him oure frend to be
For I haue herd him o tyme & ek oþer
Spokyn of cresseyde swich honour þat he 1453
May seyn no bet swich hap to hym haþ sche
It nediþ not his helpe more craue
He schal ben swich riȝt as we welyn him haue 1456

(209)

¶ Spek þou þyn self also to troilis 1457
On myn behalue & prey him with vs dyne
Sire al þis schal be don quod pandarus
And tok his leue & neuere gan to fyne 1460
But he to his necis hous streit as lyne
He come & fond hire at mete a-ryse
And sat him doun & spak riȝt in þis wise 1463

(210)

// He seide o veray god so haue I ronne 1464
lo nece myn lo how I swete
I not wher ȝe þe more þank me cunne
Be ȝe not war how fals Poliphete 1467
Is now eft-sonys a-boute for to plete
And brynge on ȝow aduocatia newe
I not quod sche & phonged al hire hewe 1470

(211)

¶ What is he more a-boute me to drech 1471
And don me wrong what schal I do allas
ȝit of him self ȝit wolde I no þyng rech
Ne were it for antenore & eneas 1474
þat ben his frendis in swich cas
But for þe loue of god myn ynkele dere
No fors of þat let him han al in-fere 1477

(212)

With-outen þat I-haue y-nowh for vs 1478
Nay quod Pandare it shal no þyng be so.
For I haue ben right now at Deiphebus.
And Ector / and myne oþere lordes mo. 1481
And shortly made eche of hem his fo.
That by my thryft he shal it neuere wynne.
For ought he kan whan þat so he bygynne. 1484

(213)

And as þey casten what was best to done. 1485
Deiphebus of his owene curtasye.
Come hire to preye yn his propre persone.
To holde hym on þe morwe companye. 1488
At dyner. which she wolde not denye.
But good gan to his preyere obeye.
He þonked hire and wente vp-on his weye. 1491

(214)

Whanne þis was don þis Pandare vp a-noon. [leaf 87] 1492
To tellen in short and forth gan for to wende.
To Troilus as stille as any ston.
And al-þis þing he told hym word and ende. 1495
And how þat he Deiphbus gan to blende.
And seyde hym now is tyme if þat þow konne.
To bere þe wel to morwe and al is wonne. 1498

(215)

Now spek / now prey / now pitously compleyne. 1499
Let not for Nice shame or drede or slouþe.
Som tyme a man mot telle his owene peyne.
Bileue it and she shal han on þe rouþe. 1502
Thow shalt be saued by þi feyth in trouþe.
But wel wot I yow art now yn drede.
And what it is I leye I kan arede. 1505

(212)

¶ with-outen þat I haue s-nough for vs 1478
Nay quod pandare it shal no thyng be so
For I haue ben right now at deiphebus
And Ector / and myne other lordes mo 1481
And shortli makes eche of hym his foo
þat by my thryft he shal it neuere wynne
For aught he kan when þat so he bygynne 1484

(213)

¶ And as þei casten what was best to done 1485
Deiphebus of his owen curtasye
Com hire to preye in his propere persone
To holde hym on þe morwe compaignie 1488
At dyner / which she wolde nought denye
But goodely gan to his preyer obeye
He thanked hire and wente vp on his weye 1491

(214)

¶ when þis was don this Pandare vp anon 1492
To telle in shorte and forth gan for to wende
To Troilus / as stille as any stoone
And þis thynge he told hym word and ende 1495
And how þat he deiphebus gan to blende
And seyde hym / now is tyme if þat thow konne
To bere þe wele to morwe and alle is wonne 1498

(215)

¶ Now speke now preye now pitously compleyne 1499
Let nough[t] for nyce shame or drede or slouthe
Some tyme a man mot telle his sweue peyne
Bileue it / and she shal han on þe routhe 1502
Thow shalt be saued by þi feithe in trouth
But wel woot I thow art now in drede
And what it is I leye I kanne arede 1505

(212)

¶ With-outyn þat I haue i-now for vs [leaf 86] 1478
Nay quod pandarus it schal no þyng ben so
ffor I haue ryȝt now ben at deiphebus
At-ector & at myne oþere lordis mo 1481
And schortli mad eche of hem his fo
þat bi myn prift he schal it neuere wynne
ffor ouȝt he can whan so euere he gynne 1484

(213)

// And as þey castyn what-was best to done 1485
Deiphebus of his owene curteysi
Come hire to preie in his owene *propere* persone
To holde him on þ^e morwe cumpany 1488
At dyner which sche nulde not deny
But goodely gan to his preyer obeye
He þankede hire & wente forþ his weye 1491

(214)

¶ Whan þis was don þis pandarus vp a non 1492
To telle in schort & forþ he gan to wende
To troilus as stille as ony ston
And al þis þyng he told hym word & ende 1495
And how þat he deiphebus gan to blende
And seide now is tyme ȝif þat þou cuanne
To bere þ^e wel to morw & al is wonne 1498

(215)

// Now speke now preye & pitously compleyne 1499
Let not for nyse schame or drad. or slouthe
Sumtime a man mote telle his peyne[1] [1 peyne corrected]
Beleue & sche schal han on þ^e routhe 1502
þou schalt ben sauyd be þyn feyþ in trouthe
But wel I wot þat þow art now in drede
And what it is I ley i can it rede 1505

(216)

Thow þinkest now how sholde I don al þis. 1506
For be my cheres mosten folk a-spye.
That for hire loue is þat I fare a-mys.
That hadde I leuere vnwyst for sorwe dye. 1509
Now þenk not so for þou dost gret folye.
For right now haue I founden o manere.
Of sleyghte. for to coueren al þi chere. 1512

(217)

Thow shalt gon ouer nyght and þat blyue. 1513
Vn-to Deiphebus hous as þe to playe.
Thi maladye a-wey þe bet to dryue.
For-why þou semest syk soth for to seye. 1516
So after þat doun in þi bed þe leye.
And sey þow mayst no lengere vp endure.
And lye right þere and byde þyn auenture. 1519

(218)

Sey þat þi feuer is wont þe for to take. 1520
The same tyme and lasten til a morwe.
And lat se now how wel þow kanst it make.
For þar de syk is he þat is in sorwe. 1523
Go now farewel and Venus here to borwe.
I hope and þow þis purpos holde ferme.
Thi grace she shal þere fully conferme. 1526

(219)

Quod Troylus y-wys now nedeles. [leaf 39, back] 1527
Counseylest me that syklyche I me feyne.
For I am syk yn ernest douteles.
So þat wel neygh I sterue for þe peyne. 1530
Quod Pandarus þow shalt þe betre pleyne.
And hast lasse nede to countrefete.
For hym men demen hot þat men seen swete. 1533

(216)

¶ Thow thynkest now how sholde I don al this [leaf 82] 1506
For by my cheres mosten folk aspye
þat for hire loue is þat I fare amys
Jet hadde I leuere vnwyste for sorwe die 1509
Now thynke nought so for þow dost grete folye
For I right now haue founden a manere
Of sleight/ for to coueren al þi chere 1512

(217)

¶ Thow shalt gon ouer nyght and þat blyue 1513
Vn-to deiphebus house as the to pleye
Thy malady awey þe bet to dryue
For-why thou semest sike soth *for to* seye 1516
And after þat don in þi bedde þe leye
And seye thou maiste no longer vp endure
And lye right þare and byde þin auenture 1519

(218)

¶ Sey þat *þi feuere is wonte the* for to take 1520
þe same tyme and lasten tyl on morwe
And lat se now how wel þow kanst it make
For parde sik is he þat is in sorwe 1523
Go now fare wel / and venus here to borwe
I hope and thow þis *purpos* holde ferme
þi grace she shal fully ther conferme 1526

(219)

¶ Quod Troilus I-wis thow nedeles 1527
Conseylest me / þat sikliche I me feyne
For I am sik in ernest douteles
So þat wel neigh I sterue for þe peyne 1530
Quod Pandarus thow shalt *þe bettere pleyne*
And hast lasse neds conterfete
For hym men demen hoote þat men seen swete 1533

(216)

¶ þow þynkist now how schulde I do al þis 1506
for bi swiche cheris mustyn folk aspie
þat for hiis loue is þat I fare a mye
Jit hadde I leuere vnwyst for sorwe to deye 1509
Non þyng soo[1] / for þou dost gret folye [[1] thyng soo corrected]
for I riȝt how haue fonden on manere
Off sleyȝt for to keueren al þyn chere 1512

(217)

¶ þou schat gon ouer nyȝt & þat belyue [leaf 83, back] 1513
On-to deiphebus hous as þe to pleye
þyn malady a-woy þ* bet to dryue
for whi þou semyst sik soþ for to seye 1516
Sone aftyr þat doun in þin bed þ* leie
And sei þou mayst no lengere vp endure
And ly riȝt þere & abyd þyn auenture 1519

(218)

// Sey þat feuere iswont þ* to taken 1520
þe same tyme & lestyn til on þ* morwe
And lat *it-sen* how þou canst it makyn
for parde syk is he þat is in sorwyn 1523
So now far wel & venus here to borwe
I hope & þou þis purpos hold ferme
þyn grace schc schal þ* fulli conferme 1526

(219)

¶ Qud Troilus I-wis now nedeles 1527
Conseilist me þat sekly I me feyne
for I am sek in ernest douteles
So þat wol nyh I sterue for þ* peyne 1530
Quod Pandarus þou schalt þ* bettere pleyne
And hast lasse nede þe to countyrfete
for hym men deme hot þat men seen swete 1533

(220)

Lo holde the at þi tryste clos and .I.
Shal wel the der vn-to þi bowe dryue.
Therwith he tok his leue softely.
And Troylus to Palays wente blyue.
So glad ne was he neuere yn al his lyue.
And to Pandarus reed gan all assente.
And to Deiphebus hous at nyght he wente.

(221)

What nedeth yow to tellen al þe chere.
That Deiphebus vn-to his broþer made.
Or his accesse or his syklyche manere.
How men gan hym with clothes for to lade.
Whanne he was leyd and how men wolde hym glade.
But al for nought he held forth ay þe wyse.
That ye han herd Pandare er þis deuyse.

(222)

But certeyn is / er Troylus hym leyde.
Deiphebus had hym preyed ouer nyght.
To ben a frend and helpyng to Criseyde.
God wot þat he it graunteþ a-noon right.
To ben here fulle frend with al his myght.
But swych a nede was to prey hym þenne.
As for to bydde a womman for to renne.

(223)

The morwen com and neyhen gan þe tyme.
Of meltid. þat þe faire queene Eleyne.
Shapt here to ben an owre after þe pryme.
with Deiphebus to whom she nold not feyne.
But as his suster homly for to seyne.
She com to dyner yn here playn entente.
But god and Pandare wyst what al þis mente.

(220)

¶ Lo holde þo at thi triste cloos and I
Shal wel the deere vn-to þi bowe dryue
Ther-with he took hise leue al softly
And Troilus to paleys wente blyue
So glad ne was he neuere in alle his lyue
And to Pandarus reede gan al assente
And to Deiphebus hous at nyght he wente

(221)

¶ What nedeth ȝow [to] tellen alle þe chere
þat deiphebus vnto his brother made
Or his accesse or his siklych manere
How men gan hym with clothes for to lade
þan he was leyde and how men wolde hym glade
But al for noughte he helde forth ay the wyse
That ȝe han herde Pandare er þis deuyse

(222)

¶ But certein is er Troilus hym leyde [leaf 32, back]
Deiphebus had hym preyed ouer nyght
To ben a frend and helpynge to Criseyde
God woot þat he it graunted anon right
To ben hire ful frende with al his myght
But swich a nede was to prey hym thenne
As for to bidde a woode man for to renne

(223)

¶ The morwen com and neighen gan þe tyme
Of meletid / þat þe faire queene Eleyne
Shapte hire to ben an houre efter þe prime
with deiphebus / to whom she nolde feyne
But as his suster homly soth to seyne
She come to dyner in hire pleyne entent
But god and pandare wiste what al þis mente

(220)

// Lo hold þ* at þyn tryst clos & I
Schal wel þ* der on to þyn bowe dryue
þerwiþ he tok his leue al softely
And troilus to paleys went blyue
So glad ne was he neuere his lyue
And to pandaris red gan al asent
And to deiphebus hous at nyȝt he went

(221)

¶ What nedyþ ȝow to tellyn al þ* chere
þat deiphebus vn to his broþer made
Or his acces or his seklyche manere
How men gan him with cloþis for to lade
Whan he was leyd & how men wolde him glade
But al for nouȝt he hild forþ ay þ* wyse
þat ȝe han herd pandarus or þis deuyse

(222)

¶ But serteynli þis or Troilus him leyde [leaf 31] 1548
Deiphebus hadde preiȝed him ouer nyȝt
To ben good frend & helpinge to crisseide
God wot þat ho graunted a-non riȝth
To ben hire fulle frend with al his myȝt
But swich a nede was for to preye him þan
As for to biddyn a wod man ren

(223)

// þe morwyn com & neyen gan þ* tyme
Of mele that the[1] fayre quen elyne [[1] hat the *corrected*]
Schop hire to ben an oure aftyr þ* prime
With deiphebus to whom sche nolde fyne
But as his sustir homeli soþ to seyne
Sche come to dyner in hire pleyne entent
But god & pandarus woste al what he ment

(224)

Come ek Criseyde al Innocent of this. [leaf 40] 1562
Antigone hire sister Tarbe also.
But fle we now prolixite best is.
For loue of god and lat vs faste go. 1565
Right to pe effect with-oute tales mo.
whi al þis folk assembled in þis place.
And late vs of here saluynges pace. 1568

(225)

Gret honour dide hem Deiphebus certeyn. 1569
And fedde hem wel with al þat myghte like.
But euere more allas was his refreyn.
My goode broþer Troylus the syke. 1572
Lyth yet. and þerwith-al he gan to syke.
And after þat he peyned hym to glade.
Hem as he myghte and chere good he made. 1575

(226)

Compleyned ek Eleyne of his sykenesse. 1576
So feythfully þat pite was to here.
And euery wight gan waxen for accesse.
A leche a-noon and seyde in þis manere. 1579
Men cureu folk þis charme I wole yow lere.
But pere sat oon / al lyst hire nought to teche.
That þought best cowede I yet ben his leche. 1582

(227)

After compleynt hym gonnen þei to preyse. 1583
As folk don yet whan som wyght hath by-gonne.
To preyse a man. and with prys hym reyse.
A þousand fold yet-hyer þan pe sonne. 1586
He is / he kan / þat fewe lordes konne.
And Pandarus of þat he wolde afferme.
He not for-gat here preysyng to conferme. 1589

(224)

¶ Com ek Criseyde al Innocent of þis 1562
Antigone hire suster Tharbe al-so
But flee we now prolixite beste is
For loue of god and lat vs faste go 1565
Right to theffect with-outen tales mo
why al þis folk assembled in þis place
And lat vs of hire saluynges pace 1568

(225)

Grete honour dide hym deiphebus certein 1569
And fedde hym wel with al þat myghte like
But euere mo allas was his refreyne
My goode brother Troilus the sike 1572
Lyth yet / and þer-with-alle he gan to sike
And efter þat he peyned hym to glade
Hym as he myght and chere goode he made 1575

(226)

¶ Compleyned ek Eleyne of his sikenesse 1576
So faithfully that pite was to here
And euery wight gan wexen for accesse
A leche anon / and seyde in þis manere 1579
Men curen folk / this charme I wol 3ow leere
But þer sat oon al liste hire naught to teche
þat thoughte / beste koude I 3et ben his leche 1582

(227)

¶ After compleynte hym gonnen they to preyse 1583
As folk don 3et when somwight hath by-gonne
To preyse a man and with prys hym rayse
A thousande fold 3et heighere þan þe sonne 1586
He is he kan that fewe lordes konne
And Pandarus/ of þat þei wold afferme
He naught for-gat hire preysynge to conferme 1589

(224)

¶ Come in Crisseide al innocent of þis 1562
Antigone hire sistir Tarb also
But fle wē now prolixite best is
for loue of god & lat vs faste go 1565
Ryȝt to þe effecte with-oute tale mo
Whi alle þese folk assembledin in þis place
And let vs of here saluynge pase 1568

(225)

// Gret honour dede hem deiphebus certeyn 1569
And fedde hem wel with al þat myȝte like
But euere mor allas was his refreyn
Myn goode broþer troilus þ^e sike 1572
Liþ ȝit & þerwithal gan he sike
And aftyr þat he pleyned him to glade
Hem as he myȝte & cher good hem made 1575

(226)

¶ Compleynede ek elyne of his siknesse 1576
So faithfulli a pete it was to here
And euery wiȝt gan wexen for axsesse
A leche anon & seyde in þis manere 1579
Men cure folk / þis charm I wele þ^e lere
But þere sat on al list hire not to teche
þat þouȝte best ȝit coude I ben his leche 1582

(227)

¶ Aftir compleynt hin gunne þey to preyse [leaf 81, back] 1583
As folk don ȝit whan sum wiȝt haþ begune
To preisin a man & vp with pris hem reise
A þousent fold ȝit heyȝere þan þ^e sunne 1586
He is he can þat fewe lordis cūne
And pandarus oftin þat þei woldyn aferme
He for-ȝat not here preisyng to conferme 1589

(228)

Herde al þis þyng Criseyde wel y-nowh. 1590
And euery word gan to notefye.
For whiche with sobre chere here herte lowh.
For who is pat ne wold here glorifye. 1593
To mowen swych a knyght lyue or dye.
But al passe I lyst ye to longe dwelle.
For for o fyn is al þat euere I telle. 1596

(229)

The tyme come fro dyner for to ryse. [leaf 40, back] 1597
And as hem oughte arise euerychon.
And gonne a while of þis and þat deuyse.
But Pandarus brak al þis speche a-noon. 1600
And seide to Deiphebus wole ye gone.
If youre wille be as I yow preyde.
To speke here / of þe nedes of Criseyde. 1603

(230)

Eleyne whiche þat by þe hond here held. 1604
To first þe tale and seyde go we blyue.
And goodly on Crisseyde she by-held.
And seyde Iouss lat hym neuere pryue. 1607
That doth yow harm and bryng hym soone of lyue.
And yeue me sorwe but he shal it rewe.
If þat I may / and alle folk be trewe. 1610

(231)

Tell yow þi Neces cas quod Deiphebus. 1611
To pandarus / for þow kanst best it telle.
My lordys and my ladyes it stant þus.
what sholde I lengere quod he do yow dwelle. 1614
He rong hem a proces lyk a belle.
Vp-on here fo þat highte poliphete.
So heynous þat men myghte on it spete. 1617

(228)

Herde al þis thynge Criseyde wel Inough [leaf 33] 1590
And euery word gan for to notifie
For wiche *with* sobre chere hire herte lough
For who is pat ne wold hire glorifie 1593
To mowen swich a knyght don lyue or dye
But al passe I list ȝe to longe dwelle
For for[1] o fyn is alle that euer y telle [1] quia *propter* 1596

(229)

¶ The tyme com fro dyner for to rise 1597
And as hem aughte arisen euerychon
And gonne a while of þis and þat deuyse
But Pandarus brak al þis speche anon 1600
And seyde to deiphebus wil ȝe gone
If ȝoure wille be as I yow preyde
To speke here of þe nedes of criseyde 1603

(230)

¶ Eleyne whiche þat by þe honde hire holde 1604
Took first þe tale and sayde go we blyue
And goodely on crisseyde she byheelde
And seyde Ioues lat hym neuere thryue 1607
þat doth ȝow harm and brynge hym sone of lyue
And ȝeue me sorwe but he schal it rewe
If that I may and al folk be trewe 1610

(231)

¶ Tel how þi neces cas quod deiphebus 1611
To Pandarus / for thow kanst best it telle
My lordes and my ladys it stant thus
what shold I longer quod he do ȝow dwelle 1614
He rong hym out a proces like a belle
Vp-on hire fo þat highte poliphete
So heynous þat men myȝte on it spete 1617

(228)

// Herde alwoy crisseide wel Inow 1590
As euery word gan for to notifie
ffor wich *with* sobere cher hire herte low
ffor wo is it þat nulde hire glorifie 1593
To mown swich a knyȝt don leuyn or deiȝe
But al passe I lest ȝe to longe dwelle
But for on fyn / is al þat euere I telle 1596

(229)

¶ þe tyme come *from* dyner for to arise 1597
And as hem þouȝte a-risyn euerychon
And gunne a while of þis & þat deuise
But pandarus brak al þat speche a-non 1600
And seyde to deiphebus wil ȝe gon
ȝif it ȝoure wille be as I ȝow preyede
To speke þerof þe nedis of Cresseide 1603

(230)

// Elyne which þat bi þ^e^ hond hire hild 1604
Tok first þ^e^ tale and seide go we blyue
And goodli on Crisseide sche be-hild
And seide Iouis let him neuere pryue 1607
þat doþ ȝow harm & bring him sone on lyue
And ȝif me sorwe but he schal it rewe
ȝif þat I may and alle folk ben trewe 1610

(231)

¶ Tel þou þyn neeis cas quoƺ Deiphebus 1611
To Pandarus for þou canst best it telle
Myne lordis & myne ladijs it stant þus
What schulde I lengere quoƺ he do ȝ^ow^ dwelle 1614
He rong hem a proces lik a belle
On to hire for þat hiȝte Poliphete
So heynous þat men myȝte on it spete 1617

(232)

Answere of þis eche worse of hem þan oþer. 1618
And Poliphete þey gonnen þus to waryen.
An-honged be swych on were he my broþer.
And so he shal for he ne may not varyen. 1621
what sholde I lengere yn þis tale taryen.
Pleynly al at ones þey here hyghten.
To ben hire helpe yn al þat euere þey myghten. 1624

(233)

Spak þan Eleyne and seyde Pandarus. 1625
woot ought my lord my broþer þis matere.
I mene Ector or wot it Troylus
He seyde ye but wole ye now here. 1628
Me þenketh þis / sith þat Troylus is here.
It were good. If þat ye wolde assente.
She told here self / hym al þis er she wente. 1631

(234)

For he wole haue þe more here grief at herte. (last 4l.) 1632
By cause / lo / þat she a lady ys.
And by youre loue I wole but right yn sterte.
And yow wete and þat a-noon y-wys. 1635
If þat he slope. or wole ought here of þis.
And yn he lepte and seyde hym in his ere.
God haue þi soule I-brought haue I þe here. 1638

(235)

To smylen of þis gan þo Troylus. 1639
And Pandarus with-oute rekenynge.
Out wente a-noon to Eleyne and Deiphebus.
And seyde hem so þere be no taryinge. 1642
Ne more pres he wole wel þat ye bryngo.
Criseyda my lady þat is here.
And as he may endure he wole here. 1645

(232)

¶ Answeride of þis ich were of hem þan other 1618
And poliphete they gonnen thus to waryen
Anhonged be swich oon were he my brother
And so he shal for it ne may naughte varyen 1621
what sholde I longer in þis tale taryen
Pleynlich al atones they hire highten
To ben hire help in al þat euere þei myghten 1624

(233)

¶ Spake þanne Eleyne and seyde Pandarus 1625
woot oughte my lorde my brother þis matere
I mene Ector or woot it Troilus
he seyde ȝe / but wole ȝe now me here 1628
Me thynketh þis sith Troilus is here
It were good If þat ȝe wolde assente
She told hire self hym al this er she wente 1631

(234)

¶ For he wol haue þe more hire grief at herte (l. 38, bk.) 1632
By cause lo þat she a lady is
And by ȝoure loue I wol but in right sterte
And do ȝow wyte and þat anon I-wis 1635
If þat he sl[a]pe or wol ought here of þis
And In he lepte and seyde hym in his ere
God haue þi soule I-brought haue I þi beere 1638

(235)

¶ To smylen of þis gon tho Troilus 1639
And Pandarus with-outen rekenynge
Out wente anon to Eleyne and deiphebus
And seyde hem so ther be no taryinge 1642
Ne more prees he wol wele þat ȝe brynge
Criseyda my lady that is here
And as he may enduren he wol here 1645

(232)

¶ And anſwerre of this euerycne werse than othyr¹ [last 8l.] 1618
And poliphete þey gunne þus to waryē [1—1 corrector]
On-hoggit be swichon were it myn broþer
And so it schal for it may not varie 1621
[. . . . . *line blank in MS.*]
Pleynli al-at onys þey hire hiȝtyn
To ben hirē frend with al þat euēre þey myȝtin 1624

(233)

// Spak þanne Eline & seide Pandarus 1625
Wot ouȝt myn lord myn broþer þis matere
I mene ector or wot it troilus
He seyde ȝe but wele ȝe now me here 1628
Me þinkiþ þis soþ þat troilus is here
It were good ȝif þat ȝe woldyn assent
Sche tolde hire self him al þis or sche went 1631

(234)

¶ ffor we wil haue þ[e] more grif at herte 1632
Be cause lo þat sche a ladi is
And be ȝoure leue I wil but in ryȝt sterte
And don ȝow to wetyn & þat a-non Iwis 1635
ȝif þat he slepe or wil ouȝt heryn bf þis
And in he lep & seide him in his ere
God haue þyn soule brouȝt haue I þyn bere 1638

(235)

// To smyle of þis gan þo Troilus 1639
And Pandarus with-outyn rekenyng
Out wente a-non to Elyns & Deiphebus
And seide hem so þere be no tarying 1642
No more pres he wil wel þa' ȝe bring
Crisseide myn ladi þat is here
And as he may enduren he wil lere 1645

(236)

But wel ye wot þe chaumbre is but lite. 1646
And fewe folk lightly may make it warm.
Now loke ye for I wole haue no wyte.
To bryng yn pres þat myghte don harm. 1649
Or hym disheuen for my bettre arm.
wher it be bet she byde til eft sones.
Now loke ye þat knoweth what to don is. 1652

(237)

I sey for me best is as I kan knowe. 1653
That no wight yn no wente but ye tweye.
But if were I for I kan yn a prowe.
Reherce here cas vnlyk þat she kan seye. 1656
And after þis she may hym ones preye.
To ben good lord yn short and take here leue.
This may not mechel of his ese hym reue. 1659

(238)

And ek for she is straunge he wole for-bere. 1660
His ese. which þat he þer nought for yow.
Ek oþer. þing þat toucher not to here.
He wole me telle I wot it wel right now. 1663
That secret is. and for þe townes prow.
And þey þat no þing knowe of þis entent.
with-oute more to Troilus yn þei went. 1666

(239)

Eleyne in al here goode softly. wyse. 1667
Gan hym saluwe and womanly to pleye.
And seyde ywys ye moste alweyes a-ryse.
Now fare broþer beth al hool I preye. 1670
And gan here arm right ouer his sholder leye.
And hym with al here wit to recomforte.
As she best kowde / she gan hym disporte. 1673

(236)

¶ But wol ȝe wot þe chaumber is but lyte. 1646
And fewe folk may lightly mak it warm
Now loketh ȝe for I wol haue no wyte
To brynge In þres þat myghten don harm 1649
Or hym dissesen for my bettre arm
Wher it be bet she bide til eft sones
Now lakketh ȝe þat knowen what to doon is 1652

(237)

¶ I sey for me best is as I kan knowe 1653
þat no wyght in no wente but ȝe tweie
But it were for I kan in a throwe
Reherce here cas vnlike þat she kan seye 1656
And efter þis she may hym ones preye
To ben good lord in short and take hire leue
This may nought muchel of his ese hym reue 1659

(238)

¶ And ek for she is straunge he wol for-bere 1660
His ese / which þat hym thar nough[t] for ȝow
Ek other thynge þat toucheth nought to here
He wol me telle I woot it wele right now 1663
That secrete is and for the townes prow
And they þat no thynge knewe of this entente
with-outen more is Troilus In they wente 1666

(239)

¶ Eleyn in al hire goodly softʸ wyse [ʸ corrected] 1667
Gan hym salue and wommanly to pleye
And seyde I-wis ȝe most alwayes arise
Now fayre brother both al hool I preye 1670
And gan hire arm right ouer his shulder leye
And hym with al hire wit to reconforte
As she best koude she gan hym to disporte 1673

(236)

¶ But wel ȝe wete þ[e] chambir is but lite 1646
And fewe folk may liȝtli makyn it warm
Now lokiþ ȝe for I wil han non wyȝte
To bringe þerin pres þat myȝte don him harm 1649
Or hym dessein for myn bettere arm
Where it be bet sche abide tyl eftt sonys
Now lokiþ ȝe & knowiþ what to done is 1652

(237)

¶ I say for me best is ȝe I can knowe [leaf 53, back] 1653
þat no wiȝt inne wente but ȝe tweye
But ȝif it were I for i can in a þrowe
Reherse hire cause onlik þat sche can seye 1656
And aftir þis sche may him onys preye
To ben good lord in schort & takyn hire leue
þis may not meche of his ese him reue 1659

(238)

// And ek for sche is straunge he wolde for-bere 1660
His ese wich þat him dar not for ȝow
Ek oþer þyng þat touchiþ not to hire
He wolde it telle I wot ryȝt wel riȝt now 1663
þat secret is & for þ[e] townys prow
And þey þat knowyn no þing of his entent
Wiþ-outyn more to Troylus in sche went 1666

(239)

¶ Elyne in al hire goodeli softé wise 1667
Gan him seluyn & womanliche tó pleye
And seide I-wis ȝe móte algaté arise
Now fayre broþer be alhol I preye 1670
And gan hire arm riȝt ouer his schuldir leiȝe
And hym with al hire wit to reconfort
As sche best coude sche gan him disport 1673

(240)

So after þis / quod she we yow byseche. 1674
My dere broþer Deiphebus and .I.
For loue of god and so doth Pandare eke.
To ben good lord and frende right hertely. 1677
Vn-to Criseyde which that certeynly.
Receyueth wrong/ as wot wel here Pandare.
That kan here cas wel bet þat I declare. 1680

(241)

This Pandarus gan newe his tunge affyle. 1681
And al here cas reherce and þat anoon.
whan it was seyd / soone after in a while.
Quod Troylus as soon as I may gon. 1684
I wole right fayn with al my myght ben oon.
Haue god my trouþe here cause to susteyne.
Good þryft haue ye quod Eleyne þe queene. 1687

(242)

Quod Pandarus and it youre wille be. 1688
That she may take here leue er þat she go.
O elles god for-bede quod he.
If that she vouche saf for to do so. 1691
And with þat word quod Troilus ye two.
Deiphebus and my suster leef and dere.
To-yow haue I to speke of o matere. 1694

(243)

To ben auysed by youre red þe bettre. 1695
And fond as hap was at his beddes hed.
The copye of a tretes and a lettre.
That Ector hadde hym sent to axen red. 1698
If swych a man was worþi to ben ded.
woot I nought who but in a grysly wyse.
He preyede hem a-noon on it auyse. 1701

(240)

¶ So after þis quod she we ȝow bisike [leaf 34] 1674
My deere brother deiphebus and I
For loue of god and so doth pandare eke
To ben goode lord and frende right hertely 1677
Vn-to Criseyde which that certeinly
Receyueth wrong as woot wel here Pandare
That kan hire cas bet than I declare 1680

(241)

¶ This Pandarus gan new his tonge affile 1681
And al hire cas reherce and þat anon
when it was seyde soone after in a while
Quod Troilus as soon as [I] may gon 1684
I wol right fayn with al my myght ben on
Haue god my trouth hire cause to sustene
Goode thrift have ȝe quod Eleyne þe quene 1687

(242)

¶ Quod Pandarus and it ȝoure wille be 1688
þat she may take hire leue or þat she go
O[r] elles god forbede it tho quod he
If that she voucheth sauf for to do so 1691
And with þat worde quod Troilus ȝe two
Deiphebus and my suster leef and dere
To ȝow haue I. to speke of a matere 1694

(243)

¶ To ben a-uysede by ȝoure reede þe bettere 1695
And fond as hap was at his beddes hed
þe copie of a tretis and a lettre
þat Ector hadde hym sent to axen red 1698
If shwiche a man was worthy to ben ded
Who I naught wo but in a grysely wyse
He preyed hym anon / on it auyse 1701

(240)

// So aftir þis quod sche we ȝow be-seche 1674
Myn dere broþer deiphebus & I
ffor loue of god & so doþ pandarus ok
To ben good lord & frend riȝt herteli 1677
Vn to cresseide wich þat certeynli
Resseyviþ wrong as wot wel here pandare
þat can hire cas wel bet þan I declare 1680

(241)

¶ þis Pandarus gan newe his tunge a-file 1681
And al hire cas rehersede & þat a-non
Whan it was seid sone aftyr in a while
Quod Troilus as sone as I may gone 1684
I wolde riȝt fayn with al myn miȝt ben one
Haue god myn trouthe myn cause to susteyne
Good þrif haue ȝe quod þ^e quene elyne 1687

(242)

¶ Quod pandarus ȝif it ȝoure wille be [leaf 53] 1688
þat sche may take hire leue or þat sche go
Or ell god for-bede þo quod he
ȝif þat þou vouche saf for to don so 1691
And with þat word quod troilus ȝe to
Deiphebus & myn sustir lef & dere
To ȝow haue I to spekyn of a matere 1694

(243)

// To ben auysed be ȝoure red þ^e bettere 1695
And fond as hap was at his beddis hed
þ^e copi of þ^e tretys & a lettere
þat ector hadde him sent to axen red 1698
ȝif swich a man were worþi to ben ded
Wot not who but in greseliche wise
He preied hem faste on it to a-vise 1701

(244)

Delphebus gan this lettre to vnfolde. [leaf 63] 1702
In ernest gret so dede Eleyne þe queene.
And romynge outward fast it gan byholde. 1705
Downward a steyre in to an herber grene.
This ilke þinge þei redden hem by-twene.
And largely þe mountaunce of an owre. 1708
Thei gon on it to rede and to powre.

(245)

Now late hem rede and turne we a-noon. 1709
To Pandarus þat gan ful faste prye.
That al was wel and out he gan to gon.
In to þe grete chambre and þat yn hye. 1712
And seyde god saue al þis compaynye.
Come Nece myn my lady queene Eleyne.[1] [1 Eleyne *later*]
Abydeth yow / and ek my lordes tweyne. 1715

(246)

Rys take with yow yowre Nece Antigone. 1716
Or whom yow lyst or no fors hardyly.
The lasse pres þe bet come forth with me.
And loke þat ye ponke humbely. 1719
Hem alle þre and whan ye may goodly.
Youre tyme yse taketh of hem youre leue.
Leet we to longe of his reste hym reue. 1722

(247)

Al Inocent of Pandarus entente. 1723
Quod tho Criseyde go we vncle dere.
And arm in arm Inward with hym she wente.
Auysed wel here wordes and here chere. 1726
And Pandarus yn ernestful manere.
Seyde alle folk for goddes loue I preye.
Stynteth right here and softely yow pleye. 1729

(244)

¶ Delphebus gan þis lettre for tonfolde 1702
In ernest gret so dide Eleyne þe quene
And ronynge outward fast it gonne biholde
Downward a steyre in to an erber grene 1705
þis ilke thynge þei redden hem bitwene
And largely þe mountaunce of an houre
þei gomme it to reden and to poure 1708

(245)

¶ Now lat hem rede and torne we anon 1709
To Pandarus / þat gan ful fast preye
þat al was wel / and out he gan to gon
In to þe grete chaumber and þat in hye 1712
And seyde / god saue al þis compaignye
Com nece myn my lady quene Eleyne
Abideth 3ow / and ek my lordes Tweyne 1715

(246)

¶ Ris tak with 3owe 3oure nece antigone [leaf 34, back] 1716
Or whom 3ow lest or no fors hardily.
The lesse pres þe bet com forth with me
And loke þat 3e thonken humbisly 1719
Hem alle thre / and when 3e may goodely
3oure tyme se taketh of hem 3oure leue
Leat we to longe his restes hym by-reue 1722

(247)

¶ Al Innocent of Pandarus entente 1723
Quod tho Criseyde go we Vncle dere
And arm in arm inward with hym she wente
Auysed wel hire wordes and hire chere 1726
And Pandarus in ernestful manere
Seyde alle folk for goddes loue I preyȝ
Stynteth right here and softly 1729

(244)

¶ Deyphebus gan þis lettere to onfolde 1702
In ernest gret so dede Elyne þ^e^ quene
And romynge outward faste it gunne bi-holde
Dounward a steiers & in an erber grene 1705
þis ilk þyng þei reddyn hem be-twene
And largeli þ^t^ mountenan[ɔ]s of an oure
þei gan on it to redyn & to poure 1708

(245)

// Now lat hem redyn & turne we a-non 1709
To pandarus þat gan ful faste prey
þat al was wel & out he gan to gon
In to þ^e^ grete chaumbir & þat in hy 1712
And seyde god saue al þis cumpany
Come nece myne myn ladi quene Elyne
Abidiþ 3uw & ek myn lordis tweyne 1715

(246)

¶ Rys taketh wyth[1] 3ow oure nece antegone 1716
Or whom 3ow lykyth[2] no fors hardili [1, 2 wyth, lykyth *corrected*]
þ^e^ lasse pres þ^e^ bet come forþ with me
And loke þat þ^e^ panke vmbely 1719
Hem alle þre And whan þat 3e may goodly
3oure tyme se takyþ of hem 3oure leue
Lest we to longe here restis hem be-reue 1722

(247)

¶ Al innocen[t] of pandarus entent [leaf 33, back] 1723
Quod þo Crisseide go we vnkele dere
And arm in arm inward with hym sche went
Avised wel hire wordis & hire chere 1726
And Pandarus in ernest-ful manere
Seide alle folk for goddis loue I preye
Styntiþ riȝt here & softely 3e pleye 1729

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(248)

Avise yow what folk ben here with-Inne. 1730
And in what plit oon is god hym amende.
And Inward þus ful softely bygynne.
Nece I coniure and heighly yow defende. 1733
On his by-halue which þat vs alle sowle sende.
And in þe vertue of corounes tweyne.
Sle nought þis man þat hath for yow þis peyne. 1736

(249)

Fy on the deuel þenk which on he is. [leaf 42, back] 1737
And in what plyt he lith com of a-noon.
Thenk þat al swych taried tid but lost it nys.
That wole ye bothe. seyn whan ye ben on. 1740
Secundelich þer yet deuyneth noon.
Vp-on yow two com of now yf ye konne.
whil folk is blent / lo al þe tyme is wonne. 1743

(250)

In titeryng and pursuyte and delayes. 1744
The folk deuyne at waggynge of a stre.
And þough ye wolden han after merye dayes.
Than dar ye nought / and why for she and she. 1747
Spak swych a word þus loked he and he.
Las tyme y-lost .I. dar not with yow dele.
Com of þerfore and bryngeth hym to hele. 1750

(251)

But now to yow ye louers þat ben here. 1751
was Troylus nought in a kankedort.
That lay and myghte whysprynge of hem here.
And þought o lord ryght now renneth my sort. 1754
Fully to dye or han a-noon comfort.
And was þe firste tyme he shulde here preye.
Of loue .o. myghti god what shal I seye. 1757

Explicit Secundus liber.

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(248)

¶ Auyseth ȝow what folk ben here with-Inne 1730
And in what plit oon is god hym amende
And inwarde thus softly bygynne
Nece I coniure and heighly ȝow defende 1733
On his half with that same vs al sende
And in þe vertu of þe corones tweyne
Sle nought þis man þat hath for ȝow þis peyne 1736

(249)

¶ Fye on þe deuel thynke which oone he is 1737
And in what plit he lith com onon
Thynk alle swich taried tyd but lost it nys
þat wol ȝ[o] both seyne when ȝe ben con 1740
Secoundly ther ȝet deuyneth noon
Vp-on ȝow two com of now If ȝe kanne
whil folk is blent lo al þe tyme is wonne 1743

(250)

¶ In titerynge and pursuyte and delayes 1744
þe folk deuyne at waggynge of stre
And though yo[1] wol have aftyr merye dayes [1 MS. þo]
þan dar ȝe naught and why for she and she 1747
Spak[2] swich a word thus loked he and he [2 pak scratchet out]
Las tyme I-lost I dar naught with ȝow dele
Com of þer-fore and bryngeth hym to hele 1750

(251)

¶ But now to ȝow ȝe louers þat ben here 1751
was Troilus naught in a kankedort
þat lay and myghte whIsprynge of hem here
And thought o lord right now rennet my sort 1754
Fully to deye or han o-non comforte
And was þe firste tyme he shold hire preye
Of loue / o myghty god what shal he seye 1757

Explicit Liber Secundus.

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(248)

// A-viseþ ȝow what folk ben here with-inne 1730
And in what plyȝt on is god him amende
And inward þus softeli be-gyn
O nece I cunioure & heyly defende 1733
On his halue þat soule vs alle sende
And in vertu of corounys tweyne
Sleþ not þis man þat haþ for ȝow þis peyne 1736

(249)

¶ ffy on þ^e deuil þink wichon he is 1737
And in what pliȝt he lyȝth come of a-non
þynk on swich taried tid but lost it is
þat wele ȝe boþ^e seyn whan ȝe ben on 1740
Secundeli ȝit þere denyeþ non
Vp on ȝow to come of now ȝif ȝe cunne
Wilk folk is blent lo al þ^e tyme is wonne 1743

(250)

// In titeryng & pursuing & delayis 1744
ffolk deuyne at þ^e wagginge of a stre
þat þow ȝe woldyn han aftir merie daijs
þanne dare ȝe not & whi for sche & sche 1747
Spak swich a word þus lokede he & he
Las tyme I-lost I dar not with ȝu dele
Com of þerfore & brynge hym to hele 1750

(251)

¶ But now to ȝow ȝe loueris þat ben here 1751
Was Troilus not in cankedort
þat lay & myȝte whisperyngis of hem here
And seyde o lord now rennyþ mynne sort 1754
ffulli to deþ or han anon confort
And was þ^e fyrste tyme he schulde hire pray
Of loue o myȝty god what schal I say 1757

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[*Campsall MS. leaf 42, back.*]

[*The tagd f, g, k, v, of the MS. are not printed in this 3rd book.*]

(1)

Blysful light of whiche pe bemes clere.
Adorneth al pe pridde heuene faire.
O sonnes lyef .o. Ioues doughter dere.
Plesaunce of loue .o. goodly debonaire.
In gentil hertes ay redy to repaire.
O verray cause of hele and of gladnesse.
I-heried be pi myght and pin goodnesse.

(2)

In heuene and helle in erthe and salte se. [leaf 43]
Is fait pi myght of pat I wole descerne.
As / man / bryd / beste / fissh / herbe and grene tre.
The fild in tymes with vapour eterne.
God loueth and to loue wol nough werne.
And in pis word no lyues creature.
with-outen loue is worth or may endure.

(3)

Ye Ioues first to pilke effectes glade.
Thorugh whiche pat pinges lyuen alle and be.
Comeueden and amoreux hem made.
On mortal pyng and as yow lyst ay ye.
Yeue hym in loue ese or aduersite.
And in a pousand formes doun hem sente.
For loue in erthe / and whom yow lyste he hente.

[*Harleian MS. 2280, leaf 35.*]

[*The tagd f, g, k, v, of the MS. are not printed in this 3rd book.*]

(1)

Obliaful light of which pe bemes clere
Adorneth all the thridde heuene fayre
O sonnes lief o Ioues doughter dere
Plesaunce o love o godely debonaire
In gentil hertes ay redy to repayre
O verray cause of hele and of gladdenesse
Heried be pi myght and thy goodenesse

(2)

¶ In heuene and helle and erthe and salt se
Is fait pi myght If pat I wol descerne
As man / bryd / best / fissh / herbe and grene tre
The fale in tymes with vapour eterne
God loueth and to loue wol nought werne
And in pis world no lyues creature
With outen loue is worth or may endure

(3)

¶ Ye Ioues first to thike effectes glade
Thorugh which pat thynges lyuen al and be
Comeueden and amoreux hem made
On mortal thynge and as 3ow list ay ye
3eue hym in loue ese or aduersite
And in a thousand formes down hym sente
For loue in erthe and 3ow list he hente

[*A leaf has been cut out of the Cambridge Univ. Libr. MS. Gg. 4. 27.*]

(4)

Ye fierse Mars apeysen of his Ire.
And as yow lyste ye maken hertes digne.
Algates hem þat yo wole sette a fyre.
Thei dreden shame and vices þei resigne.
Ye do hem corteys be fresch and benigne.
And hye or lowe after a wyght entendeth.
The Ioyes þat he hath youre myght it sendeth.

(5)

Ye holden regne and hous in vnite.
Ye sothfast cause of frendship ben also.
Ye knowe al þilke couerd qualite.
Of þing which þat folk on wondren so.
whan þey kan not construe how it may Io.
She loueth hym or whi he loueth here.
As whi þis fish and nought þat cometh to were.

(6)

Ye folk a lawe han set in vniuersite.
And þis knowe I by hem þat loueres be.
That who-so stryueth with yow hath þe worse.
Now lady bryght for þi benignite.
At reuerence of hem þat seruen þe.
whos clerk I am so techeþ me deuyse.
Som Ioye of þat is felt in þis seruyce.

(7)

Ye in my nakede herte sentement. [leaf 43, back]
Inhelde and do me shewe of thi swetnesse.
Caliope thi voys be now present.
For now is nede sestow not my destresse.
How I mot telle a-non right þe gladnesse.
Of Troylus to Venus herynge.
To which who-nede hath god hym brynge.

Explicit prohemium. Tercii libri.

(4)

¶ Ye fierse mars apasen of his Ire
And as yow list, ye maken hertes digne
Algates hym þat ye wol sette a fyre
þei dreden shame and vices þei resigne
Ye do hem curtels be fresshe and benigne
And heigh or lawe after a wight entendeth
þe Ioies þat he hath youre myght it sendeth

(5)

Ye holden regne and hous in vnite
Ye sothfast cause of frendschipe ben also
Ye knowe al þilke couerd qualite
Of thynges which þat folk on wondren so
when þei kan naught construe how it may Io
She loueth hym or why he loueth here[1] [1 here *later*]
As why þis fish and naught cometh to were

(6)

¶ Ye folk a lawe han sette in vniuerse
And þis know I by hem þat loueres be
þat who-so stryueth[2] with yow hath þe worse [2 *first* stryueth]
Now lady bryght for þi benignite
At reuerence of hem þat seruen the
whos clerc I am so techeth me deuyse
Som Ioie of þat is felt in þi seruyse

(7)

¶ Ye in my naked herte sentement [leaf 35, back]
In hielde / and do me shew of þi sweniesse [*or* swemesse]
Caliope thy vois be now presente
For now is nede sestow nought my distresse
How I mot telle a-hon righ the gladnesse
Of troilus to Venus herynge
To which who nede hath god hym brynge

Explicit prohemium tercij libri

Incipit liber Tercius.

(8)

Ay al þis mene while Tróylus.
Recordynge his lesson in his manere.
Mafey þought he þus wole I sey and þus.
Thus wole I pleyne vn-to my lady dere.
That word is good and þis shal be my chêre.
This nyl I not forȝeten in no wyse.
God leue hym werke as he gan deuyse.

(9)

And lord so his herte gan to quappe.
Herynge here come and short for to syke.
And Pandarus þat lad here by þe lappe.
Com ner and gan at þe curtyn pyke.
And seyde god do bote on alle syke.
Se who is here ȝow comen to visite.
Lo here is she þat is youre deth to wyte.

(10)

Ther-with it semed as he wepte almost.
A.ha. quod Troylus so rufully.
wher me be wo .o. myghty god ȝow wost.
who is al þere I se nought trewely.
Sire quod Crisseyde it is Pandare and .I.
Ye swete herte allas I may nought ryse.
To knele and do ȝow honour in som wyse.

(11)

And dressede hym vpward and she right tho.
Gan bope here hondes softe vpon hym leyé.
O for þe loue of god dō ye not so.
To me quod she I what is þis to seye.
Sire come am I to ȝow for causes tweye.
First ȝow to ponke and of youre mercy eke.
Continuaunce I wolde ȝow beseche.

Incipit liber tercius

(8)

LAY al this mene while Troilus
Recordynge his lesson in this manere
Mayfey thought he thus wol I seyē and thus
Thus wol I pleyne vn-to my lady deere
þat worde is goode and þis shal be my chere
þis nyl I nought forȝeten in no wyse
God leue hym werken as he gan deuyse

(9)

¶ And lord sō þat his herte gan to quappe
Herynge hire com and short for to sike
And Pandarus þat ledde hire by þe lappe
Com ner and gan in at þe curtyn pike
And seyde god do bote on alle sike
Se who is here ȝow comen to vysite
lo here is she þat is ȝowre deth to wyte

(10)

¶ per-with it semed as he wepte almost
ha a quod Troilus so roufully
wher me be wo o myghty god thow wost
who is al ther I se nought trewly
Sire quod Crisseyde it is Pandare and I
ȝe swete herte allas I may nought rise
To knele and do ȝow honour in som wyse

(11)

¶ And dressed hym vpwarde and she right tho
Gan both hire hondes soft vp on hym leye
O for þe loue of god do ȝe nought so
To me quod she I what is þis to seye
Syr comen am I to ȝow for causes tweye
First ȝow to thanke and of ȝowre lordishipe eke
Continuaunce I wolde ȝow byseke

[*Leaf 54 has been cut out of this MS.*]

(9)

¶ And lord how þat his herte gan to quappe (text as) 57
Herynge hire come & schorte for to sike
And Pandarus þat ledde hire bi þ^e^ lape
Come ner & gan in at þ^e^ curteyn pike 60
And seyde god do bote on alle sike
So who is here ȝow come to visite
Lo here is sche þat is ȝore dep to wite 63

(10)

// perewith it semed as he wept almost 64
Ha . a . a . quod Troilus so roufully
Where me be wo o myȝti god þou wost
Who is al þere I se not trewely 67
Sere quod Crisseide it is Pandarus & I
ȝa swete herte allas I may not rise
To knele and don ȝow honour in sumwise 70

(11)

¶ And dressede him vpward & sche tyȝt þo 71
Gan bope hire hondis softe on him leye
O for þ^e^ loue of god do ȝe not so
To me quod he I what is þis to saye 74
Sire comyn am I to ȝow for causis tweie
ffyrst ȝow to þanken & of ȝoure lordschape eke
Contynuaunce & wolde ȝow be-sek 77

(12)

This Troilus þat herde his lady preye. 78
Of lordship hym wax neyþer quyk ne ded.
Ne myght a word for shame to it seye.
Al þough men sholde smyte of his hed. 81
But lord so he wex sodeynlyche red.
And sire his lesson þat wende konne.
To preyen hire is þurgh his wit y-ronne. 84

(13)

Cryseyde al þis aspiede wel y-nowgh. 85
For she was wys and louede hym neuere þe lasse.
Al nere he malapert or made it towgh.
Or was to bold to synge a fol a masse. 88
But whan his shame gan somwhat to passe.
His resones as I may my rymes holde.
I yow wole telle as techen bokes olde. 91

(14)

An chaunged voys right for his verrey drede. 92
which voys ek quooke and per-to his manere.
Goodly abayst / and now his hewes rede.
Now pale vn-to Criseyde his lady dere. 95
with look doun cast and humble yolden chere.
Lo þe alderfirst word that hym asterte.
was twyes mercy mercy swete herte. 98

(15)

And stynte a whily and whan he myghte out brynge. 99
The nexte word was god wot þat I haue.
As feythfully as [I] haue had konnynge.
Ben yowres also god my sowle saue. 102
And shal til þat I woful wyght be graue.
And þough I dar ne kan vn-to yow pleyne.
Iwys I suffre nought þe lasse peyne. 105

(12)

¶ This Troilus þat herde his lady preye [leaf 86] 78
Of lordship hym wex neyþer quyk ne dede
Ne myght o worde for shame to it seye
Al though men shold smyten of his hed 81
But lord so he wex so deynlyche rede
And sire his lesson þat he wende konne
To preyen hire is thorugh his wit yronne 84

(13)

¶ Criseyde al þis aspied wel ynough 85
For she was wis and loued hym neuere þ^e^ lasse
Al ner he malapert or made it tough
Or was to bold to synge a fole a masse 88
But when his shame gan somwhat to passe
His resons as I may my rymes holde
I 3ow wol telle as techen þokes olde 91

(14)

¶ In chaunged vois right for his verray drede 92
Which vois ek quook and ther-to his manere
Goodly abayst / and now his hewes rede
Now pale vato Criseyde his lady deere 95
with lok doun cast and humble I-3olden chere
Lo the alderfirst worde þat hym asferte[1] [1 altered]
was tweyes mercy mercy swete herte 98

(15)

¶ And stynte a while and when he myght oute brynge 99
þe next word was god woot for I haue
As faithfully as I haue hadde konnynge
Ben 3oures alle god so my soule saue 102
and shal tyl þat I woful wight be graue
And though I dar ne kan vn to 3ow pleyne
I-wis I suffer naugh the lasse peyne. 105

(12)

// þis Troilus his ladi [1]that herde preye[1] [[1]—[1] by corrector] 78
Of lordschepe him wex neyþer quik ne ded
Ne myȝte a word for schame to it seye
Al-þow men schülden smytyn of his hed 81
But lord so he wex sodeynli red
And sire his lessoun þat he wende cunne
To preyȝen hire was þouȝ his [2]wit ronne[2] [[2]—[2] by corrector] 84

(13)

¶ Crisseide al þis a-spiede wel I-now 85
ffor sche was wis & loued him neuer þe les
Al nere he malespert or made it tough
Or was to bold to synge a fol a masse 88
But whan his schame gan sumwhat to passe
His werkis as I may myne ryme holde
I wil 3ow tellyn as techin bokis olde 91

(14)

¶ In chaunged vois riȝt for his verai drede [leaf 85, back] 92
Wich voys ek quok & þerto his manere
Goodli a-bassed & now his hewis rede
Now pale on to Crisseide his ladi dere 95
Wiþ lok doun cast & vmbele & 3oldyn chere
Lo þ^e^ aldir ferste word þat him ouersterte
Was twiȝis mercy mercy swete herte 98

(15)

// And stynte a whil & whan ne myȝte ouȝt brynge 99
þe nexte word was god wot for I haue
As fer-forþ-lich as I haue had cunnynge
Ben 3ouris al god so myn soule saue 102
And schal til þat I woful wiȝt be grane
And þow I dar ne can on to 3ow pleyne
I-wis I suffere not þ^e^ lasse peyne 105

(16)

Thus muche as now .o. wommanlyche wyf. 106
I may out brynge and yf þis yow displese.
That shal I wreke vpon myn owne lyf.
Right sone I trowe and don youre herte an ese. 109
If with my deth youre herte may apese.
But syn þat ye han herd me som what seye.
Now recche I neuere how sone þat I deye. 112

(17)

Ther-with his manly sorwe to by-holde. 113
It myght han mad an herte of ston for to rewe.
And Pandare wep as he to watre wolde.
And poked euere his nece newe and newe. 116
And seyde wo bygon ben hertes trewe.
For loue of god make of þis þyng an ende.
Or sle vs boþe at ones er þat ye wende. 119

(18)

I what quod she by god and by my trowþe. 120
I not nought what ye wille þat I shal seye.
I what quod he þat ye han on hym routhe.
For goddes loue and doth hym nought to deye. 123
Now þanne þus / quod she / I wolde hym preye.
To telle me þe fyn on his entente.
Yet wyst I neuere wel what þat he mente. 126

(19)

What þat I mene .o. swete herte dere. 127
Quod Troylus .o. goodly fresshe fre.
That with þe stremes of youre eyen clere.
Ye wolde som tyme ffendly on me se. 130
And þanne agreen þat I may ben he. [1 Yow for to serue / lyke as ye wyl deuyse.—*Caxton.*]
with-oute braunch of vyce yn ony wyse.
In trowþe alwey to don yow my seruyse.[1] 133

(16)

¶ Thus muche as now o wommanlich wif 106
I may oute brynge and If this ȝowe displees
þat shal I wreke vp-on myn owen lif
Right soon I trow and do ȝour herte an ese 109
If with my deth ȝoure herte may apese
But syn that ȝe han herd me somwhat seye
Now reche I neuere how soon þat I deye 112

(17)

¶ Ther-with his manly sorwe to be-holde 113
It myght han maad an herte of stone to rew
And Pandare wep as he to water wold
And puked euer his nece new and newe 116
And seyde wo bigon ben hertes trewe
For loue of god make of þis thyng an ende
Or sle vs both atones er þat ȝe wende 119

(18)

¶ I what quod she by god and by my trowthe [If 26, bk] 120
I not nat what ȝe wilne þat I seye
I what quod he þat ȝe han on hym rewthe
For goddes loue and doth hym nought to deye 123
Now þan thus quod she I wolde hym preye
To telle me þe fyn of his entente
Ȝet wiste I neuere wel what þat he mente 126

(19)

¶ what þat I mene o swete herte deere 127
Quod Troilus o goodely fressh fre
That with the stremes of ȝoure eighen clere
Ȝe wolde som tyme freshely on me se 130
And þanne a-green þat I may ben he
With-outen braunche of vyce on any wyse
In trowth alway to don ȝow my seruyse 133

(16)

¶ þus meche as now I womanliche wyf 106
I may ouȝt brynge & ȝif þis ȝow displese
þat schal I wrekyn ryȝt on myn owene lyf
Ryȝt sone I trowe & don ȝoure selue an ese 109
Ȝif with myn deþ ȝoure wreþe I may a-pese
ffor siþe ȝe han herd me sumwhat seye
Now reche I neuere how sone þat I deye 112

(17)

// þerwith his manli sorwe to be-holde 113
It myȝte a mad an herte of ston to rewe
And pandarus wepte as he to watyr wolde
And pokede euere his nece newe & newe 116
And seide wo begon ben hertis trewe
ffor loue of god mak of þis þyng an ende
Or slo vs boþe atonys or ȝe winde 119

(18)

¶ I what quod sche bi god & be myn treuthe 120
I not what ȝe wiln þat I seye
I wot quod he þat ȝe on him [1] han routhe[1] [[1] by corrector]
ffor goddis loue & do him not to deye 123
Now þanne þus quod sche I wolde him preiȝe
To telle me þ^e fyn of his entent
Ȝit woste I neuere wil what þat he ment 126

(19)

¶ What þat I mene o swete herte dere [leaf 56] 127
Qud troilus o goodeli frosche fre
þat with þ^e stremys of ȝoure eynyn clere
Ȝe woldyn frenli sumtyme on me se 130
And þanne a-gren þat I may ben he
With-outyn braunche of vice in ony wise
In trouthe alwoi to don ȝow myn seruise 133

(20)

As to my lady right and chief resort. 134
With al my wit and al my deligence.
And to han right as yow lyst comfort.
Vnder yowre yerde egal to myn offence. 137
As deth If þat I breke youre defende.
And þat ye digne me so muche honoure.
Me to comaunden ought yn ony owre. 140

(21)

And I to ben yowre verray humble trewe. Dead 453 141
Secret and yn myn paynes pacient.
And euere mo desire freshly newe.
To seruen and ben ay I-lyke diligent. 144
And with good herte al holly youre talent.
Receyuen wel how sore þat me smerte.
Lo þis mene I myn owene swete herte. 147

(22)

Quod Pandarus lo here an hard request. 148
A resonable lady for to werne.
Now Nece myn by natal Ioues feste.
were .I. a god ye sholde sterue as yerne. 151
That heren wel þat þis man wole nò lyng yerne.
But youre honour / and sen hym almost sterue.
And ben so loth to suffren hym yow serue. 154

(23)

With þat she gan hire eyen on hym caste. 155
Ful esyly and ful debonairly.
Auysyng here and hied not to faste.
With neuere a word but seyde hym softely. 158
Myn honour sauf I wol wel trewely.
But yn swych forme as he can now deuyse.
Receyuen hym fully to my seruyce. 161

(20)

¶ As to my lady right and chief reserte 134
Which al my wit and al my diligence
And to han right as 3ow list conforte
Vnder youre 3erde egal to myn offence 137
as deth If þat I breke 3oure defence
as þat 3e deigne me so muchel honoure
Me to comaunden aught in any houre 140

(21)

¶ And I to ben 3oure verray humble trewe 141
Secret / and in my peynes pacient
And euere mo desiren freshly newe
To seruen / and ben ay ylike diligent 144
And with goode herte al holly 3oure talent
Receyuen wel how 3oore þat me smerte
Lo this mene .I. myn owen sweete herte 147

(22)

¶ Quod pandarus lo here an hard requeste 148
And resonable a lady for to warne
Now nece myn by natal Ioues feste
Were I a god 3e sholden sterue as 3erne 151
þat heren wel þis man wol no thyng desire 3erne
But 3our honóure and sen hym almost sterue
And ben so loth to suffre hym 3ow serue 154

(23)

¶ With that she gan hire eyen on hym caste 155
Ful esyly and ful debonayrly
Auysynge hire and hyed nought to faste
With neuere a word but seyde hym softly 158
Myn honour sauf I wol wel trewly
And in swiche forme as he can now deuyse
Receyuen hym fully to my seruyse 161

(20)

// As to myn lady riȝt & chif resort 134
With al myn wit & al myn diligence
And I to han riȝt aſ 3ow list confort
137 Vndir 3oure 3erde egal to myn offense
As deþ 3if þat I breke 3oure defence
And þat 3ow digne me so mechil honour
140 Me to mendin ouȝt in ony our 140

(21)

¶ And to ben 3oure verray humbele trewe 141
Secret & in myne peynis pacient
And euermore to desiryn frosch newe
144 To seruyn and ay ben I-lik diligent 144
And with good herte al holly 3oure talent
Resseiuyn wel how sore þat me smert
147 Lo þis mene I myn owene swete hert 147

(22)

// Quod Pandarus lo here an hard request 148
And resonabele a ladi for to werne
Now nece myn be natal Iouis fest
151 Were I a god ȝe schulde sterue as ȝerne 151
þat heryn wil þis man wil noþyng ȝerne
But 3oure honour & sen him almost sterue
154 An ben so loþ to sufferyn him 3ow to serue 154

(23)

¶ With þat sche gan hire eyen on him cast 155
ful esili & ful debonerli
And send hire & hied not to fast
158 With neuere a word but seid him sekyrly 158
Myn honour sauyn I wil wel trewely
And in swich forme as ȝe can now deuyse
161 Resseyuyn him fulli to myn seruyse 161

(24)

By-sechyng hym for goddes loue þat he. 162
wolde in honour of trouþe and gentillesse.
As I wel mehe eke mene wel to me.
And myn honour with wit and besynesse. 165
Ay kepe. and yf I may don hym gladnesse.
From hens-forth I-wys I nyl not feyne.
Now beth al hol no lengere ye ne pleyne. 168

(25)

But naþeles þis warne .I. yow quod she. 169
A kynges sone al-þough ye be I-wys.
Ye shul nomore haue souereynte.
Of me in loue þan right in þat cas is. 172
Ne I-nyl forbere yf þat ye don a-mys.
To wrathen yow / and whil þat ye me serue.
Chereyen yow right after ye deserue. 175

(26)

And shortly my dere herte and al my knyght. [MS. as] 176
Beth glad and draweth yow to lustynesse.
And I shal trewely with al my myght.
Youre bittre tornen al to swetnesse. 179
If .I. be she þat may now do gladnesse.
For euery wo ye shal recouere a'blysse.
And hym in armes toke and gan hym kysse. 182

(27)

Fil Pandarus on knees and vp his eyen. 183
To heuene þrew and held hise hondes hye.
Inmortal god quod he þat mayst nought dyen.
Cupide I mene of þis mayst glorifye. 186
And Venus þow mayst make melodie.
with-outen hond me semeth þat in þe towne.
For this merueyle I here eche belle sowne. 189

(24)

¶ Besechynge hym for goddes loue þat he [MS. wr] 162
wolden in honour of trouthe and gentilnesse
As I wol mene ek menen wele to me
and myn honour with wit and besinesse 165
Ay kepe and if I may don hym gladdenesse
From hennes forth I-wis I nyl nought feyne
Now beth al hoole no longer ȝe ne pleyne 168

(25)

¶ But natheles þis warne I-ȝow quod she 169
a kynge some although ȝe be I-wis
ȝe shul namore han soureynte
Of me in loue than right in þat cas is 172
Ny nyl forbere if þat ȝe don amys
To wreth ȝow and whil þat ȝe me serue
Chericen ȝow right efter ȝe disserue 175

(26)

¶ And shortly deere herte and al my knyghte 176
Betht glad and drawet ȝow to Iustinesse
And I shal trewly with al my myght
ȝour bittre tornen al in to swettenesse 179
If I be she at may ȝow do gladnesse
For euery wo ȝe shal recouere a blisse
And hym in armes took and gan hym kysse 182

(27)

¶ Fil Pandarus on knees and vp his yeh 183
To heuene trewe and helde hiss hondes highe
Inmortal god quod he that maist nought dyen
Cupide I mene of this maist glorifye 186
And venus show maist maken melodye
with-outen honde me semeth that in þe towne
For þis merueille ich here ich belle sowne 189

(24)

¶ Be-sechyng hym for goddis loue þat he [last to, back] 162
Wolde in honour of trouthe & gentillesse
As I wel mene / mene wel to me
And myn honour with wit & busynesse 165
Ay kepyn & ȝif I may don him gladnesse
ffrom henys forþ I-wis I nyl not feyne
Now beþ al hol no lengere ȝe ne peyne 168

(25)

// But neuer-peles þis warnis I-ȝow quod sche 169
A kyngis sone al-þow ȝe ben I-wis
ȝe schal no more han saurete of me
In loue þan ryt in þat cas is 172
Ne I nil not forbere ȝif ȝe don amis
To wrathe ȝow & [1 h by corrector] whil þat ȝe me serue
Cherise yow riȝt as ȝe deserue 175

(26)

¶ And schortli dere herte & al myn knyȝt 176
Beþ glad & driwiþ ȝow to Iustinesse
And I schal trewely with al myn fulle myȝt
ȝure bittyr turne al in-to swetnesse 179
ȝif I be sche þat may ȝow don gladnesse
ffor euery wo ȝe schul recouere a blisse
And hin in armys tok & gan him kisse 182

(27)

// ffil Pandarus on kneis & vp his eyȝyn 183
To heuene þrew & hild his hondis hyȝe
O inmortal god quod he þat mayst not deyȝen
Cupide I mene of þis mayst þou glorifie 186
And venus maist þou make melodie
With-outyn hond me semyþ þat in towne
ffor þis merakels I here iche belle sowne 189

(28)

But ho no more now of þis matere.
For-whi þis folk wole comen vp anoon.
That han þe lettre red / lo I hem here.
But I coniure þe Criseyde and on.
And two þow Troylus whan þow mayst gon.
That at myn howe ye ben at myn warnynge.
For I ful wel shal shape youre comynge.

(29)

And eseth þere youre hertes right y-nough.
And lat se which of yow shal bere þe belle.
To speke of loue a-right / þer-with he lough.
For þere haue ye a layser for to telle.
Quod Troylus how longe shal y dwelle.
Er þis be don. quod he whan þou mayst ryse.
This þing shal be right as I yow deuyse.

(30)

With þat Eleyne and also Deiphebus.
Tho comen vpward right at þe steyres ende.
And lord so þanne gan grone Troylus.
His broþer and his suster for to blynde.
Quod Pandarus it is tyme þat we wende.
Tak nece myn youre leue at alle þre.
And late hem speke and cometh forth with me.

(31)

She toke here leue at hem ful pryftyly. [leaf 46]
As she wel konde and þey here reuerence.
Vn-to þe fulle here deden hardely.
And wonder wel spaken in here absence.
Of here in preysyng of here excellence.
Hire gouernaunce hire wit and here manere.
Commendeden it Ioye was to here.

(28)

¶ But ho namore as now of þis matere
For-why þis folk wol comen vp a-non
þat han þe lettre red lo I hem here
But I coniure þe Crisseyde and oon
And two thow Troilus when thow maist gon
That at myn hous ȝe ben at my warnynge
For I ful wele shal shape ȝoure comynge

(29)

¶ And eseth there ȝoure hertes right ynough
And lat se which of ȝow shal here þe belle
To speke of loue a-right and ther-with he lough
For ther have ȝe a layser for to telle
Quod Troilus how longe shal I dwelle
Er this be don quod he whan thou maist rise
This thyng shal be / right as I ȝow deuyse

(30)

¶ With þat Eleyne and also Deiphebus [leaf 87, back]
Tho comen vpward right at þe steyres ende
And lord so schame gan greuen Troilus
His brother and his suster for to blende
Quod Pandarus it tyme is þat we wende
Tak nece myn ȝoure leue at alle thre
And lat hem spek and cometh forth with me

(31)

¶ She toke hire leue at hem ful thriftily
as she wel koude / and they hire reuerence
Vn to þe fulle / diden hardily
and wonder wel speken in hire absens
Of hire in preysynge of hire excellence
Hire governaunce hire wit and hire manere
Comendiden it Ioie was to here

(28)

¶ But ho no more now of þis matere
for whi þese folk wele comyn vp a-non
þat han þ^e^ lettere red lo I hem here
But I coniourre þe Crissaide a-non
And þe þou Troilus-whan þou mayst gon
þat at myn hous ȝe ben at myn warnynge
for I schal ful wel scape ȝoure commynge

(29)

¶ And ese ȝow þere ryȝt I-now [leaf 87]
And lat sen wich of ȝow schal bere þ^e^ belle
To speke of loue and ryȝt þer-with he low
for þere haue ȝe a leiser for to telle
Quod Troilus how longe schal I dwelle
Or þis be don quod he er þou mayst ryse
þis þyng schal ben ryȝt as þou wilt deuyse

(30)

// With þat Elyne & also Deiphebus
þo comyn vpward ryȝt at þ^e^ steigeris ende
And lord so þo / gan gronyn troilus
His broþer & his sustir to blende
Quod pandarus it tyme is þat we wende
Takyþ nece myn / ȝourre leue at alle þre
And lat hem speke / & comyþ forþ with me

(31)

¶ Sche tok hire leue at hem ful priftyly
As sche wel coude & þey hire reuerence
Vn-to þe fulle dudyn hardily
And spekyn wondir wel in hire absence
Of hire preisyng of hire excellence
Hire gouernaunce hire wit & hire maners
Comendenyt ioye was to here

(32)

Now late here wende vn to here owne place. 218
And torne we to Troylus a-yen.
That gan ful lyghtly of the lettre passe.
That Deiphebus hadde yn þe gardeyn seyn. 221
And of Eleyne and hym he wolde fayn
Delyuered ben and seyde þat hym lyste.
To slepe and after tales haue reste. 224

(33)

Eleyne hym kyste and toke here leue blyue. 225
Deiphebus ek. and hom wente euery wyght.
And Pandarus as faste as he may dryue.
To Troylus þo com as lyne right. 228
And on a pailet al þat glade nyght.
By Troylus he lay with mery chere.
To tale / and wel was hem þei were y-fere. 231

(34)

Whan euery wyght was voyded but þey two. 232
And alle þe dores were faste y-shette.
To telle in short with-oute wordes mo.
This Pandarus with-outen any lette. 235
Vp ros and on his beddes side hym sette.
And gan to speke in a sobre wyse.
To Troylus as I shal yow deuyse. 238

(35)

Myn alderleuest lord and broþer dere. 239
God wot and þow þat it sat me sore,
when I þe saw so langwysshyng to yere.
For loue of which þi wo wax alwey more. 242
That I with al my myght and al my lore.
Haue euere sethen do my bysynesse.
To brynge þe to Ioye out of distresse 245

(32)

¶ Now lat hire wende vnto hire owen place 218
And torne we Troilus a-ȝeyn
þat ful lightly / gan of þe lettre pace
þat Deiphebus hadde in þe gardyn seyn 221
And of Eleyne and hym deiphebus he wolde feyne
Deluled ben and seyde þat hym leste
To slepe and efter tales han reste 224

(33)

¶ Eleyne hym kyste and toke hire leue blyue 225
Deiphebus ek and hom wente euery wyght
and Pandarus as fast as he may dryue
To Troilus tho com as lyne right 228
and on a pailet al þat glade nyght
By Troilus he lay with mery chere
To tale / and wel was hym þei were Ifer. 231

(34)

¶ When euery wight was worded but þei tweye 232
And alle þe dores were faste y-chette
To telle in shorte with-outen wordes mo
This Pandarus witht-outen any lette 235
Vp roos and on his beddes syde hym sette
And gan to speken in a sobre wyse
To Troilus as I shal ȝow deuyse 238

(35)

¶ Myn alderleuest lord and brother deere 239
God woot and thow þat it satte me so soore
When I the saugh so langwissynge to ȝere
For loue / of which þi wo wax alway more 242
þat I with al my myght and al my loore
Haue euere sithen ben my besynesse
To brynge þe to Ioie oute of disdresse 245

(32)

// Now let hire wende onto hire owene place 218
And turne wa to troilis a-ȝein
þat gan ful lyȝtely of þis lettere passe
þat deiphebus hadde in þ^e gardyn seyn 221
And of elyne & him he wolde feyn
Delyuerid ben & seide þat hym list
Slepe & aftyr talis hauyn rest 224

(33)

¶ Elyne hym kist & tok hire leue blyue 225
Deiphebus & hom-wente euery wiȝt
And pandarus as faste as he may dryue
To Troilus þo come as lyne ryȝt 228
And on a paylet al þat glade nyȝt
By Troilus he lay with ful blisful chere
To tale & wel was hem þat þey weryn in fere 231

(34)

¶ Whan eueri wyȝt was woyd but þey to (Leaf 87, back) 232
And alle þe doris were faste schette
To tellyn in schort with-outyn wordis mo
þis pandarus with-outyn ony lette 235
Vp ros & on his beddis syde him sette
And gan to spekyn in sobere wise
To troilus as I schal ȝow deuyse 238

(35)

// Myn aldir leueste lord & broþer dere 239
God wot þat it sat me so sore
Whan I þe say so languissyng to ȝere
ffor loue of wich þyn wo waxeþ alwey more 242
þat I wot al myn wit & al myn lore
Haue sythe don euere myn besinesse
To brynge þ^e to ioye out of distresse 245

(36)

And haue it brought to swich plit as þow wost. [lf 46, bk] 246
So þat thorugh me þow stondest now in weye.
To fare wel. I seye it for no bost.
And wostow whi for shame it is to seye. 249
For þe haue I a game bygonne to pleye.
which þat I neuere don shal eft for oþer.
Al-þough he were a þousand fold my broþer. 252

(37)

That is to seye for þe am I becomen. 253
By-twene game and ernest swych a mene.
As maken wommen vn-to men to comen.
Al sey I nought þow wost wel what I mene. 256
For þe haue I my Nece of vices clene.
So fully mad þi gentilesse triste.
That al shal ben right as þi selue lyste. 259

(38)

But god þat alle wot take I to wytnesse. 260
That neuere I þis for coueytise wroughte.
But oonly for to a-brygge þat destresse.
For which wel nygh þow deydest as me þoughte. 263
But gode broþer do now as þe oughte.
For goddes loue. and kep hire out of blame.
Syn þow art wys and saue alwey here name. 266

(39)

For wel þow wost the name as yet of here. 267
A-mong þe peple. as who seyth alwed is.
For þat man is vnbore dar I swere.
That euere wyste she dide amys. 270
But wo is me þat I þat cause al þis.
May þenken þat she is my Nece deere.
And I here Em / and traytor eke y-fere. 273

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(36) [leaf 38]

¶ And haue it brought to swiche plit as thow woost 246
So þat thorugh me thow stondest now in weye
To faren wel I seye it for no boste
And wostow why for shame it is to seye 249
For the haue I bigonne a gamen pleye
whiche þat I neuere do shal eft for othere
Al-though he were a thousand fold my brother 252

(37)

¶ þat is to seye for þe am I bicomen 253
By-twyxen gam and ernest swich a meene
As maken wommen vnto men to comen
Al seye I nought thow wost wel what I mene 256
For the haue I my nece of vices clene
So fully maad thy gentileste triste
þat al be shal right as thy seluen liste 259

(38)

¶ But god þat al woote tak I to wittenesse 260
þat neuere I þis for coueytise Iwroughte
But onely for tabregge that distresse
For which wel neigh thow dydest as me thoughte 263
But goode brother do now as the aughte
For goddes loue and kepe hyre oute of blame
Syn thow art wis and saue alwey hire name 266

(39)

¶ For wele thow woost þe name as ȝet of here 267
Among þe peple as who soith halowed is
For þat man is vn-bore I dar wel swere
þat euere wiste þat she dide amys 270
But wo is me þat I þat cause al this
May thenken þat she is my nece deere
And I hire em and tractor ek Ifeere 273

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(36)

¶ And haue it brouȝt to swich plyȝt as þou wost 246
So þat þour me þou stondist in þ^e weye
To fare wel I seye it for no bost
And wost þou whi for schame it is to seye 249
ffor þe haue I be-gunne a game pleye
Wich þat I schal neuere for oþer
Al-þow he were a þousent fold myn broþer 252

(37)

// þat is to seyne for þe I am be-comyn 253
Be-twixe game & ernest swich a mene
As makyn women on-to men comyn
þou wost þyn seluyn what I wolde mene 256
ffor þ^e I haue myn nece of vicis clene
So fulli mad þin gentilnesse trist[1] [1 corrected]
þat al schal ben riȝt as þyn seluyn list 259

(38)

¶ But god þat al wot take I to witnesse 260
þat neuere I þis for coueitise wrouȝt
But only to abregge þat distresse
ffor wich wel ny þou deyedist as me þouȝt 263
But goode broþer do now as ȝe ouȝt
ffor goddis loue & kepe hire out of blame
Syþe þou art wis so kep alwoy hire name 266

(39)

¶ ffor wel þou wost þ^e name ȝit of hire [leaf 38] 267
A-mong þe pepil as ho seiþ halwid is
ffor neuere was þere wiȝt I dare wel swere
þat euere wiste þat sche dede a-mys 270
But wo is me þat I þat cause al þis
May þynkyn þat sche is myn nece dere
And I hire em & tretour ek in fere 273

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(40)

And were it wyst þat I prough myn engyn. 274
Hadde in my nece I-put þis fantasye.
To do þi lust and holly to be fyn.
why al þe world vp-on it wolde crye. 277
And seye þat I þe worste trecherye.
Dide yn þis cas þat euere was bygone.
And she for-lost / and þow right nought wonne. 280

(41)

Wher-fore er I ferther go a pas. [leaf 47] 281
Yet eft I þe by-seche and fully seye.
That preuete go with vs in þis cas.
That is to seye þat þow vs neuere wreye. 284
And be nought wroth þough I þe ofte preye.
To holden secre swych an heigh matere.
For skylful is / þow woost wel my preyere. 287

(42)

And þenk what wo þer hath by-tyd or þis. 288
For makynge of auauntes as men rede.
And what myschaunce in þis world yet is.
Fro day to day right for þat wykkede dede. 291
For whiche þese wise clerkes þat ben dede.
Han euere yet prouerbed to vs yonge.
That firste vertu is to kepe tonge. 294

(43)

And nere it that .I. wilne as now tabregge. 295
Diffusioun of speche .I. koude almost.
A þousand olde storyes the'alegge.
Of wommen lost. þorugh fals and foles bost. 298
Prouerbes kanst þy selue y-nowe and woost.
A-yens þat vice for to ben a labbe.
Al seyde men soth as often as þe[y] gabbe. 301

(40)

¶ And were it wist þat I thorwh myn eyen 274
Hadde in my nece y-put þis fantasye
To don þi luste and holly to ben thyn
why al þe worlde vp-on it wolde crye 277
And seyn þat I / the werste trecherye
Dide in þis cas þat euere was bygonne
and she for-loste / and thow right nought ywonne 280

(41)

¶ Wher-fore er I wol forther gon a pas 281
3et eft y the biseche and fully seye
þat pryuete go with vs in this caas
þat is to seyn / þat thow vs neuere wreye 284
And be not wroth though I þe oft preye
To holden secre swich an heigh matere[1] [1 *erasure: tere writ-ten in the margin.*]
For skylful is thow woost wel my preyere 287

(42)

¶ And thynk what wo þer hath bityd or this [eras. thi] 288
For makynge of auauntes as men rede
And what meschaunce in þis worlde 3et þer is
Fro day to day right for þat wikked dede 291
For which þis wise clerkes that ben dede
han euere this prouerbed to vs 3ong
þat first vertu is to kepe tonge 294

(43)

¶ And ner it þat I wilne as now tabregge 295
Diffusion of speche I koude al-moost
a thousand olde stories the alegge
Of wommen lost thorugh fals and fooles bost 298
Prouerbes kanst þi self I-now and woost
A3eyns þat vice for to ben a labbe
Al seyd men soth as often as they gabbe 301

(40)

// And were it wost þat I þour myn engyn 274
Hadde in myn nece put þyi fantesie
To don þyn lust & holli to ben þyne
Whi al þ^t world wolde on it gaure & crie 277
And seyn þat I þe werste trecherie
Dede in þis cas þat euere was begunne
And sche forlost & þow ryst nou3t I-wonne 280

(41)

¶ Wherfore or I wele ferþere gon a pas 281
3it oft I þ^t be-seche & fully saye
þat priuite go with vs in þis cas
þat is to seine þat þou vs neuere wreye 284
And be not wrop þus I þe ofte preie
To holdyn secre swich an hey matere
ffor skilful is / þou west wel þis preiere 287

(42)

// And þink what wo þere haþ be-tid or þis 288
ffor makynge of auauntis as men rede
And what myschauns in þis world 3it is
ffrom day to day rist for þat wekkede dede 291
ffor whi þese wise clerkis þat ben dede
Han euere 3it prouerbid to vs 3onge
þat fyrst vertu is to kepe tunge 294

(43)

¶ And neuere 3it þat I wilne as now to a-bregge 295
Diffusioun of speche I coude almost
A þousent olde storijs fo a-legge
Of whom men loste þour falss & folis bost 298
Prouerbis canst þou þyn seluyn & wost
A-gens þat vis for to ben a labbe
þow men soþ seidyn as ofty[n] as þei gabbe 301

(44)

O tonge allas so often here byforn. 302
Hastow made many a lady bright of hewe.
Seyd welawey þe day þat I was born.
And manye a maydes sorwes for to newe. 305
And for þe more part al is vntrewe.
That men of yelpe and it were brought to preue.
Of kyng non auauntures is to leue. 308

(45)

Auauntoure and a lyere al is on. 309
A[s] þus I pose a womman graunte ma.
Here loue and seyth þat oþer wole she non.
And I am sworn to holde it secre. 312
And after .I. go telle two or þre.
I-wys .I. am a-vauntour at þe leste.
And a lyere for I breke myn heste. 315

(46) .(*Much alterd in Caxton.*)

Now loke þanne yf þey be nought to blame. (last st, back) 316
Swych maner folk what shal I clepe hem what.
That hem auaunte of wommen and by name.
That neuere yet byhight hem þis ne þat. 319
Ne knewe hem no more þan myn olde hat.
No wonder is so god me sende hele.
Though womman drede with vs men to dele. 322

(47)

I sey þis not for no mystrust of yow. 323
Ne for no wyse men but for foles Nice.
And for þe harm þat in þe world is now.
As wel for foly ofte as for malice. 326
For wel wot I in wys folk þat vice.
No woumat[1] drat if she be wel a-vised. [1 *for* w]
For wyse ben by foles [harm] chastised. 329

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(44)

¶ O tong allas so often here biforne 302
Hastow made many a lady bright of hewe
Seyd waylawey þe day þat I was born
And many a maydes sorwes for to newe 305
And for þe more part al is vntrewe
þat men of ȝelpe / and It were brought to preue
Of kynde non auauntour is to leue 308

(45)

¶ Auauntour and a lyer al is oone 309
As thus I pose womman graunte me
Hire loue / and seith þat other wol she noon
And I am sworn to holden it secree 312
And efter I go telle it two or thre
I-wis I am auauntour at þe leeste
And lyer for I breke my byheste 315

(46)

¶ Now loke þan If they be nought to blame 316
Swich manere folk what shal I clepe hem what
þat hem auaunte wommen and by name
þat ȝet biheighte hem neuere þis ne þat 319
No knew hem more þan myn old hatte
No wonder is so god me sende hele
Though wommen dreden with vs men to deele 322

(47)

¶ I seye nought þis for no mystruste of ȝowe 323
Ne for no wyse men but for fooles nyce
And for þe harme þat in þe world is now
as wol for folye oft as for malice 326
For wel woot I in wyse folk þat vice
No womman drat if she be wel avised
For wise ben by foles harm chastised 329

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(44)

¶ O tonge allas oftyn here be-forn (last st, back) 302
Hast þou mad manye a ladi bryȝt of hewe
Sayd-welleawey þat euere I was born
And manye a maydenys sorwe for to newe 305
And for þe more part al is vn-trewe
þat men of ȝelp & it were brouȝt to preue
Of kynde non auauntour is to leue 308

(45)

// Awauntour & a liere is al on 309
As þus I pose a woman grauntede me
Hire loue & seyþ þat oþer wil sche non
And I am sworn to holdyn it secre 312
And aftyr I go telle it to or þre
I-wis I am auauntour at þe leste
And lire for I breke myn beheste 315

(46)

¶ Now loke þanne ȝif þey ben ouȝt to blame 316
Swiche maner folk what schal I clepe hem what
þat hem auauntyn of women & be name
þat neuere ȝit be-hyȝt hem þis ne þat 319
Ne knowyn hym more þan myn olde hat
No wondir ist so god me sende hele
þey wemen dredin with vs men to dele 322

(47)

// I sei not þis for no mys-trost of ȝow 323
Ne for no wis man but for folis nyce
And for þ* harm þat in þe world is now
As wel for folye oftyn as for maleys 326
ffor wel wot I in wise folk þat vise
No woman drat ȝif sche be wel auysed
ffor wise ben be folys harm chastised 329

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(48)

But now to purpos leue broþer dere. 330
Haue al þis þing þat I haue seyd in mynde.
And kep þe clos and be now of good chere.
For at þi day þow shalt me trewe fynde. 333
I shal þi proces sette yn swych a kynde.
And god to-forn þat it shal þe suffice.
For it shal ben right as þow wolt deuyse. 336

(49)

For wel I wot þow menest [wel] parde. 337
Therfore I dar þis fully vndertake.
Thow wost eke what þi lady graunted þe.
And day is set þi chartres vp to make. 340
Haue now good nyght I make no lengere wake.
And byd for me syn þow art now yn blysse.
That god me sende deth or soone lysse. 343

(50)

Who myghte telle half þe Ioye and feste. 344
whiche þat þe sowle of Troylus þo felte.
Herynge þe feyth of Pandarus byheste.
His olde wo that made his sorwe swelte. 347
Gan tho for Ioye wasten and to-melte.
And alle þe richesse of his sikes sore.
At ones fledde he felte of hem no more. 350

(51)

But right so [as] these holtes and these hayes. 351
That han in wynter ded ben and dreye.
Reuesten hem in grene when þat may is.
whan euery lusti lyketh best to pleye. 354
Right in þat selue wyse soth for to seye.
wax sodeynlyche his herte ful of Ioye.
That gladder was þere neuere man yn Troye. 357

(48)

¶ But now to purpos leeue brother deere 330
Haue al þis thyng/ þat I haue seyde in mynde
And kepe þe clos and be now of goode chere
For at þi day thow shalt me trew fynde 333
I shal þi processe sette in swiche a kynde
and god to-forn þat it shal þe suffise
For it shal ben right as þow wolt deuyse 336

(49)

¶ For wel I woot thow menest wel parde 337
þer-for I dar this fully vndertake
Thow woost ek what thy lady graunted þe
And day is set þe charres vp to make 340
Haue now goode nyght I may no longer wake
and bid for me syn thow art now in blisse
þat god me sende deth or soone lesse 343

(50)

¶ Who myghte tellen half þe Ioye or feest 344
whiche þat þe soule of Troilus tho felte
Herynge theffecte of Pandarus biheste
His old wo þat made his herte swelte 347
Gan tho for Ioye wasten and to-melte
And al þe rechesse of [his] sikes soore
Atones fledde he felte of hem namore 350

(51)

¶ But right so as þis holtes and þis hayis 351
þat han in wynter dede ben and drye
Reuesten hem in greene when þat may is
When euery lusty lyketh best to pleye 354
Righte in þat selue wyse soth for to seye
Wax sodeynliche his herte ful of Ioie
þat gladdere was þer neuer man in Troye 357

(48)

¶ But now to purpos leue broþer dere 330
Haue al þis þyng þat I haue seid in mynde
And kep þe clos & be now of good chere
ffor at myn day þou schat me trewe fynde 333
I schal þyn proces settyn in swich a kynde
And god to-forn þat it schal þe suffise
ffor it schal be riȝt as þou wilt deuyse 336

(49)

¶ ffor I wot wel þou menist wel parde [leaf 59] 337
þerfore I dare wel þis vndir-take
þou wost ek what þyn ladi graunted þe
And day is set þe charteris vp to make 340
Haue now good nyȝt I may no lengere wake
And bid for me siþe þow art now in blisse
þat god me sende deþ or sone lisse 343

(50)

// Ho myȝte tellyn half þe ioye of feste 344
Which þat þe soule of Troilus felte
Herynge þe effectis of Pandarus behest
His olde wo þat made his herte to swelte 347
Gan þo for ioye wastyn & to-melte
And al þe richesse of his sikis sore
At onys fledde he felte of hem no more 350

(51)

¶ But riȝt so as þei se holtis & þis halis 351
þat han in wyntir ded ben & drye
Reuestyn hem in grene whan þat may is
Whan euery lusty lestyþ best to pleye 354
Ryȝt in þat selwe wise soþ to seye
Wex sodeynli his herte ful of ioye
þat gladere was þan ony man in troye 357

(52)

And gan his lok on Pandarus vp caste.
Ful sobrely and frendly for to se.
And seyde frend yn April þe laste.
As wel þow wost if it remembreþ þe.
How neigh the deth for wo þow founde me.
And how þow dedest al þi busynesse.
To knowe of me þe cause of my distresse.

(53)

Thow west how longe .I. it for-bar to seye.
To þe þat art þe man þat I to best triste.
And peril was it noon to þe by-wreye.
That wyst I wel. but telle me yf þe lyste.
Sith I so loth was þat þi selfe it wyste.
How dorst I mo tellen of his matere.
That quake now and no wyght may vs here.

(54)

But natheles by þat god I þe swere.
That as hym lyst may al þis world gouuerne.
And yf I lye Achilles with his spere.
Myn herte cleue. al were my lyf eterne.
As I am mortal. yf I late or yerne.
wolde it by-wreye. or dorste. or sholde konne.
For al þe good þat god made vnder sonne.

(55)

That rapere deye I wolde and determyne.
As þenketh me now stokked yn prescun.
In wrecchednesse in filþe and yn vermine.
Castif to cruel kyng Agamenoun.
And his yn alle þe tẽples of his town.
Vpon þe goddes alle I wole þe swere.
To morwe day. yf þat it lyketh here.

(52)

¶ And gan his looke on Pandarus vp caste
Ful sobrely and frendly for to se
And seyde frend in aperil the laste
as wel thow woost if it remembre the
How neigh þe deth for wo thow founde me
And how thow didest al þi besynesse
To know of me þe cause of my distresse

(53)

¶ Thow woost how longe ich for-bare to seye
To þe þat ert þe man þat I best triste
And peril non was it to þe biwreye
þat wiste I wele but telle me if þe liste
Sith I so loth was þat þi self it wiste
How dorst I mo tellen of þis matere
þat quake now and no wight may us here

(54)

¶ But natheles by þat god I the sweere
þat as hym listemay al þis world gouerne
And if I lye achilles with his speere
Myn herte clene alle were my lyfe eterne
as I am mortal If I late or ȝerne
wold it biwreye or dorst or sholde konne
For alle þe goode þat god made vnder sonne

(55)

¶ þat rather deye I wolde and determyne
As thyhketh me now stokked in prisone
In wrechednesse in filthe and vermyne
Caytif to cruel kinge agamenoun
And þis in alle þe temples of þis town
Vp-on þe goddes alle.I wil the swere
To morwe day if þat it liketh þe here

(52)

// And gan his lok on pandarus vp cast
ful soberely & frenly on to se
And seyde frend in aprille þe last
As wel þou wost ȝif it remenberid be
How ney þ^t^ deþ / for wo þou fond me
And how þou dedist al þyn besinesse
To knowyn of me þe cause of þin distresse

(53)

¶ þou wost wel longe i it for-bar to seye
To þ^t^ þat art þ^e^ man þat I best trost
And peril wast non it to þe be-wreye
þat wost i wel but tel me ȝif þou lest
Sey I soþ loþ wast þat þyn self it wost
How durste I more tellyn of þis matere
þat quake now & no wyȝt may vs here

(54)

¶ But neuere þe les be þat god I þ^t^ swere (last so, back) þat as him lyst may al þe world gouerne
And ȝif I lye achilles with his spere
Myn herte clene al were myn lif eterne
As I am mortal ȝif I late or ȝerne
Wolde it be wereye or durste or schulde cunne
for al þe good þat god made vndir sunne

(55)

// What rapere deye I wolde þan determyne
As þynkyþ me now stokked in presoun
In wrechedenesse in felthe & in vermyne
Captyf to crewel kyng agamenoun
And þis in alle þe tempelis of þis toun
Vp-on þe goddys alle I wole ȝow swere
To morwe day ȝif þat it likiþ þe here

(56)

And that thow hast so meche don for me. 386
That I ne may it neuere more deserue.
This knowe I wel al myghte I now for þe.
A thowsand tymes In a morwen sterue. 389
I kan no more but þat I þe wole serue.
Right as þi [1]knaue whider so þow wende. [1 kn corrected]
For euere more vn to my lyues ende. 392

(57)

But here with al myn herte I þe byseche. 393
That neuere in me þow deme swych folye.
As I shal seyn me þowghte by þi speche
That þis which þow me dost for companye. 396
I sholde wene it were a baudery.
I am nought al [2]yf I lewed be. [2 mad has been written over "yf" in a later hand.]
It is not so þat wote I wel parde. 399

(58)

But he þat goth for gold or for richesse. 400
On swych message calle hym what þe lyst.
And þis þat þow dost calle it gentilesse.
Compassioun and felawshipe and tryst. 403
Departe it so, for wyde where is wyst.
How þat þere is dyuersite requered.
By-twyxen þynges lyk as I haue lered. 406

(59)

And þat þow knowe I þenke nought ne wene. 407
That þis seruise a shame be or Iape.
I haue my faire suster Polixene.
Cassandre Eleyne, or ony of þe frape. 410
Be she neuere so faire or wel I-shape.
Tel which þow wylt of euerychone.
To han for þyne and late me þanne allone. 413

(56)

¶ And þat thow hast so much I-do for me 386
þat I ne may it neuere more disserue
þis knowe I wel al myghte I now for þe
A thousand tymes on a morwen sterue 389
I kan namore but þat I wol þe serue
Right as þi sclaue whider so thow wende
For euere more vnto my lyues ende 392

(57)

¶ But here with al myn herte I þe biche 393
þat neuere in me thow deme swiche folye
As I shal seyn me thoughte by thy speche
þat þis whiche thow me doste for companye 396
I shold wene it were a bauderye
I am nought wode alle If I lewed be
It is nought so þat woot I wel parde 399

(58)

¶ But he þat goth for gold or for richesse 400
On swich message cal hem what þe liste
and þis þat thow dost calle it gentilnesse
Compassyon and felawshyp and truste 403
Departe it so for wide where is wiste
How þat þer is dyuersite requered
Bytwexen thynges lyke as I haue lered 406

(59)

¶ And þat thow knowe I thynke nought ne wene 407
þat þis seruyse a shame be or Iape
I have my faire suster Polixene
Cassandre Eleyne or any of þe frape 410
Be she neuere so faire or wel I-shape
Tel which thow wilt of euerychon
To han for thyn and lat me þanne allone 413

(56)

¶ And þat þou hast so meche don for me 386
þat I it may it neuere more deserue
þis knowe I wel al myȝte I not for þe
A þousent tymys on a morwyn steruyn 389
I can no more but þat I wil þe seruyn
Ryȝt as þyn knaue whedyr so þow wynde
ffor euere on-to myn lyuys ende 392

(57)

// But here with al myn herte I þe be-seche 393
þat neuere in me þou deme swich folye
As I schal seye me þouȝt be þyn speche
þat þis which þou me dost for cumpanye 396
I schulde wene it were a bauderye
I am not wod al-þow I lewid be
It is nouȝt on þat wot I wel parde 399

(58)

¶ But he þat goþ for gold or for rychesse 400
On swich massage cal him as þe lyst
And þis as þow dost cal it gentilnesse
Compascioun & felauschepe & trist 403
Departe it so / for weyde wher is wist
How þat þere is diuersite requyred
Be-twepe twey þyngis as I haue lernyd 406

(59)

¶ And þat þou knowe I þynke not ne wene [leaf 60] 407
þat þis seruyse a schame be or iape
I haue myn fayre sistir pollexene
Cassaundir Elyne or ony of þe frape 410
Be sche neuere so fayr ne so wel schape
Tel me which þou wilt of euerychon
To han for þyn & let me þanne a-lon 413

(60)

But syn þat thow hast don me þis seruyce.
My lyf to saue and for noon hope of mede.
So for the loue of god þis grete emprise.
Parforme it out for now is most nede.
For hygh and low with-outen ony drede.
I wole alwey fyne hestes alle kepe.
Haue now good nyght and late vs bope slepe.

(61)

Thus held hym eche with oþer wel apayed. [leaf 49]
That al þe world ne myght it bet a-mende
And on þe morwe whan þei were arayed.
Eche to his owene nedes gan entende.
But Troylus þouhte as þe fyr he brende.
For sharp desir of hope and of plesaunce.
He not for-gat his gode gouernaunce.

(62)

But in hym self wiþ manhod gan restreyne.
Eche rakel dede and eche vnbrydled chere.
That alle þo þat lyuen soth to seyne.
Ne sholde han wyst by word or by manere.
what þat he mente as towchyng þis matere.
From euery wyght as fer as is þe clowde.
He was so wel dissimulen he kowde.

(63)

And al þe while whiche þat I yow deuyse.
This was hys lyf with al his falle myght.
By day he was in martes highe seruyse.
This is to seyn in armes as a knyght.
And for þe more part þe longe nyght.
He lay and þoughte how þat he myght serue.
His lady best he[re] þank for to deserue.

(60)

¶ But sith þat þow hast don me þis *seruyse* [leaf 48]
My lif to saue and for non hope of mede
So for þe loue of god þis grete emprise
Parforme it out for now is most nede
For heigh a lough with-outen any drede
I wol alway þine hestis alle kepe
Haue now gode nyght and lat vs both slepe

(61)

¶ þus held hym ich of other wel apayed
þat al the world ne myghte it bet amende
And on þe morwen when they were aruyed
Ech to his owen nedes gan entende
But Troilus thought as þe fire he brende
For sharpe desire of hope and o plesaunce
He nought for-gat his goode *gouernaunce*

(62)

¶ But in hym self *with* manhode gan restreyne
Ech rackle dede and ech vnbrideled chere
þat al the þat lyuen soth to seyne
Ne sholde han wiste by word or by manere
what þat he mente as touchynge þis matere
From euery wyght as fer as is þe cloude
He was so wele dissimulen he koude

(63)

¶ And al þe while which þat I ȝow deuyse
þis was his lyf with al his ful myghte
By day he was in martes heighe seruyse
þis is to seyn in armes as a knyghte
And for þe more part þe longe nyght
He lay and thought how þat he myght *serue*
His lady best hire thonke for to deserue

(60)

// But siþe þou hast me don þis seruyse
Myn lyf to saue & for non hope of mede
So for þ^e^ loue of god þis grete emprise
Parforme it out for now is most nede
ffor hey & low *with*-outyn ony drede
I wil alwey fynne hestis alle kepe
Haue now good nyȝt & lat vs bope slepe

(61)

¶ þus halt hem eche of oþer wel a-payed
þat al þe world ne myȝt it bet a-mende
And on þ^e^ morwe whan þey were a-raied
Eche to his owene nede gan entende
But troylus þo as þ^e^ fyr brende
ffor scharp desyr of hope & of plesaunce
He not for-ȝat his wise gouernaunce

(62)

// But in him self *with* manhod gan restreyne
Eche rakil dede & eche onbrydelid chere
þat alle þo þat lyuyn soþ to seyne
Ne schulde a wist he word ne by manere
What þat he ment as touchynge þis matere
ffrom iche in þat as fer as is þ^e^ clonde
He was so wel / dissimulyn he coude

(63)

¶ And al þis while which þat I deuyse
þis was his lyf *with* al his fulle myȝt
By day he was in martis hey seruyse
þat is to seyn in armys as a knyȝt
And for þ^e^ moste part þ^e^ longe nyȝt
He lay & þouȝte how þat he myȝt serue
His ladi best hire þonk for to deserue

(64)

Nyl I nought swere al-þough he lay softe. 442
That in his þought he nas sumwhat disheseed.
Ne þat he torhede on his pylwes ofte. [? The s has been partly rubd out]
And wolde of þat hym myssed han ben [1]sesed. 445
But yn swych cas men is nought alwey yplesed.
For ought I wot no more þan was he.
That kan I deme of possibilite. 448

(65)

But certeyn is to purpos for to go. 449
That in þis while as wreten is in geste.
He say his lady som tyme [and] also.
She with hym spak whan þat she dorste and leste. 452
And by hire boþe auys as it was þe beste.
Apoynteden ful warly in þis nede.
So as þey dorste how þey wolden procede. 455

(66)

But it was spoken in so short a wyse. [leaf 49, back] 456
In swych [awayt] alwey and in swych fere.
Lest ony wyght dyuynen or deuyse.
wolde of hem two. or to it leye an eere. 459
That al þis world. so lef to hem ne were.
As þat Cupido wolde hem grace sende.
To make of here speche a-ryght a[n] ende. 462

(67) [*Caxton leaves out St. 67—71. Harl.* 1293 (*lf* 24, *bk*) *and* 2382 (*lf* 50, *bk*) *have em.*]

But þilke lytel þat þey spake or wroughte. 463
His wyse gost tok ay of al swych hede.
It semed here he wyste what she þoughte.
with-outen word. so þat it was no nede. 466
To bidde hym ought to done or ought for-bede.
For which she þoughte þat loue al come it late.
Of alle Ioye hadde opned here þe yate. 469

(64)

¶ Nyl I nought swere al-though he lay soft 442
þat in his thought he nas somwhat disesede
Ne þat he torned on his pilous oft
And wald of þat he myssed han ben sesed 445
But in swich cas men is nought alwey plesed
For ought I woot namore þan was he
þat kan I deme of possibilite 448

(65)

¶ But certeyn is to purpos for to go 449
þat in þis whiche as writen is in geste
ȝe say his lady som tyme and also
She with hym spake when þat she dorst or liste 452
And by hire bothe auys as was þe beste
apoynteden ful warly in þis nede
So as they dorst / how they wolden procede 455

(66)

¶ But it was spoken in so short a wyse [leaf 49, back] 456
In swich awayt alwey and in swich fere
Lest any wight deuynen or deuyse
wold of hem two or to it ley an ere 459
þat al þis world so leue to hem ne were
As þat cupide wold hem grace sende
To maken of hire speche a-right an ende 462

(67)

¶ But þilk litel þat they spake or wrought 463
His wis goost took ay of al swich hede
It semed hire he west what she thought
with-outen word so þat was no nede 466
To bid hym ought to don or ought forbede
For which she tought þat loue al come it late
Of al Ioie hadde opned hire þe ȝate 469

(64)

¶ Nyl I not swere al-þow he lay softe [leaf 60, back] 442
þat in his þouȝt he was sumwhat desesed
Ne þat he turned on his pilwis ofte
And wolde of þat hym myssesid / han ben esed 445
But in swich cas man is not wel plesed
ffor ouȝt I wot nomore þan was he
þat can I deme of possibilite 448

(65)

// But serteyn is / to purpos fo to go 449
þat in þis while as wretyn is in geste
He say his lady sumtyme & also
Sche with him spak whan þat sche durste or leste 452
Ay be here boþe auys as was beste
Apoyntende ful warly in þis nede
So as þey durste so as þey wolde procede 455

(66)

¶ But it was spokyn in so schort a wyse 456
In swich a wayt al day & swich a fere
Lest ony wyȝt deuynyn or deuyse
Wolde in þis speche or to it leyn an ere 459
þat al þis word so lef to hem ne were
As þat Cupide wolde hem spase synde
To makyn of here spech aryȝt an ende 462

(67)

// But þe ilke lityl þat þei speke or wrouȝt 463
His wise gost tok of alle sweche hede
It semede hire he woste what sche þouȝt
With-outyn word so þat it was non nede 466
To bid him out to don or ouȝt forbede
ffor wich sche þouȝte þat loue al come it late
Of alle Ioye hadde openyd hire þe ȝate 469

(68)

And shortly of þis proces for to pace. 470
So wel his werk and wordes he by-sette.
That he so ful stod in his lady grace.
That twenty þousand tymes or she lette. 473
She þonked god she euere with hym mette.
So koude he hym gouerne in swych seruyce.
That al þe world ne myght it bet deuyse. 476

(69)

For whi she fond hym so dyscret in al. 477
So secret. and of swych obeysaunce.
That wel she felte / he was to hire a wal.
Of stel. and sheld from euery dysplesaunce. 480
That to ben in his good gouernaunce.
So wys he was. she was no more a-fered.
I mene as fer as oughte ben requered. 483

(70)

And Pandarus to quyke alwey þe fyr. 484
was euere y-lyk prest and dyligent.
To ese his frend was set al his desir.
He shof ay on. he to and fro was sent. 487
He lettres bar whan Troylus was absent.
That neuere man as in his frendes nede.
Ne bar hym bet þan he with-outen drede. 490

(71)

But now paraunter som man wene wolde. [leaf 50] 491
That euery word. or sonde. or lok. or chere.
Of Troylus þat I rehersen sholde.
In al þis while / vn-to his lady dere. 494
I trowe it were a long þing for to here.
Or of what wyght þat stont in swych disioynte.
Hise wordes alle or euery lok to poynte. 497

(68)

¶ And shortly of þis proces for to pace 470
So wel his werk and wordes he bisette
þat he so ful stood in his lady grace
þat twenti thousand tymes or she lette 473
She thanked god þat euere she with hym mette
So koude he hym gouerne in swich seruyse
þat al þe world ne myght it bet auyse 476

(69)

¶ For-why she fonde hym so discrete in al 477
So secrete and of swich obeysaunce
þat wel she felte he was to hire a wal
Of stiel / and shield from euery displesaunce 480
That to be in his good gouernaunce
So wis he was she was namore afered
I mene as fer as ought ben requered 483

(70)

¶ And Pandarus to quyke alwey þe fire 484
was euere yhold prest and diligent
To ese his frende was sette al his desire
He shof ay on he to and fro was sent 487
He lettres bar whan Troilus was absente
þat neuere man as in his frendes nede
Ne ber hym bet þanne he with-outen drede 490

(71)

¶ But now paraunter som man wayten wolde 491
þat euery worde or sond or looke or chere
Of Troilus / that I rehercen sholde
In al þis while vn-to his lady deere 494
I trowe it were a longe thynge for to here
Or of what wight þat stant in swich disioynte
His wordes alle or euery look / to poynte 497

(68)

¶ And schortly of þis proces for to pase 470
So wel his werk & wordis he be-set
þat he so ful stod in his ladi grace
þat twenty þousent tymys or sche let 473
Sche þankede god sche euere with hym met
So coude he him gouerne in þat serwyse
þat al þe world ne myȝte it bet deuyse 476

(69)

¶ ffor why sche fond him so discret in al [leaf 61] 477
So secret & of swich obeysaunce
þat wel sche wiste he was to hire a wal
Of stel & schild from eueri displesaunce 480
þat to ben in his goode gouernaunce
So wys he was sche was no more aferid
I mene as fer as auȝte to ben requeryd 483

(70)

// And pandarus to queke alwoy þe fyre 484
Was euere I-lik prest & diligent
To esyn his frend was alwoy his desyre
He schof ay on he to & fro was sent 487
He letteris bar whan Troylus was absent
þat neuere man as in his frendis nede
Ne bar him bet as he with-outyn drede 490

(71)

¶ But now parantyr summan waytyn wolde 491
þat euery word soun or lok or chere
Of troylus þat I reherse schulde
In al þis while onto his ladi dere 494
I trowe it were a long tyme for to here
Or of what wit þat stant in swich disioynte
Hise wordis alle or euery lok to peynte 497

(72)

For sope I haue not herd it don or þis. 498
In storye noon ne noman here I wene.
And þough I wold I koude not I-wys.
For þere was som Epistel hem by-twene. 501
That wolde as seyth myn Auctor wel contene.
Neigh half þis bok of which hym lyst not write.
How shold I panne a lyne of it endite. 504

(73)

But to þe grete effect þan sey I þus. 505
That stondyng in concord and in quiete.
This ilke twe Criseide and Troylus.
As I haue told / and in þis tyme swete. 508
Saue only often myght þei not mete.
Ne layser haue hire speches to *fulfille.*
That it befel right as I shal yow telle. 511

(74)

That Pandarus þat euere dide his myght 512
Right for þe fyn þat I shal speke of here.
And for to bringe to his hous som nyght.
His faire Nece / and Troylus y-fere. 515
There as at leyser al þis heigh matere.
Towchyng here loue were at þe fulle vp bounde.
Hidde out of doute a tyme to it founde. 518

(75)

For he with gret deliberacioun. 519
Hadde euery þing þat here myghte auaylle.
Forn-cast and put in execucioun.
And neiþer laft for cost ne for trauayle. 522
Come yf hem lest hem sholde no þing fayle.
And for to ben in ought espied here.
That wyst he wel an impossible were. 525

(72)

¶ For soth I haue naught herd it don or this [Leaf 41] 498
In stone non / ne ȝo man here I weene
And though I wolde I Eoude nought I-wis
For þer was som Epistel hem bytwene 501
þat walde as seith myn auctour wele contene
Neigh half þis boke of which hym liste nought wryte
How shol I panne a lyne of it endite 504

(73)

¶ But to þe grete effect / panne sey I þus 505
þat stondyng / in concord and in quiete
þis ilk two . Criseide and Troilus
As I haue tolde / and in þis tyme swete 508
Saue only often myghte they not mete
Ne layser haue hire speches to fulfille
þat it befel right as I shal ȝow telle 511

(74)

¶ þat Pandarus þat euere dide his myght 512
Right for þe fyn that I shal spek of here
As for to bryngen to his hous som nyghte
His faire nece and Troilus yfere 515
Wher as at layser al þis he matere
Touchynge hire loue wer at þe fulle vp bounde
Hadde oute of doute a tyme to it founde 518

(75)

¶ For he *with* grete deliberacioun 519
hadde euery thynge þat here-to myght availle
Fornecast and put in execucioun
And noither left for cost ne for trauaile 522
Come if hem lest hym sholde no thynge faille
And for to ben in oughte aspied thare
þat wiste he wel an impossible were 525

(72)

// ffor sope I haue not herd don or þis 498
In story ne no man here I wene
And þow I coude I wolde not I-wis
ffor þere was sum pistil hem be-twene 501
As wolde as seyth myn autour wel conteyne
Nyȝ half þis bok of wich hym list not write
How schulde I panne a lyne þerof endite 504

(73)

¶ But to þ* grete affect þan seyde I þus 505
þat stondyng in concord & in quiete
þese ilke too Cresseide & ek troilus
As I haue told & in þis tymo swete 508
Saue only ofte wel myȝte þey me
No leiser haue here speche to fulfille
þat it be fol riȝt as I schal ȝow telle 511

(74)

¶ þat Pandarus wich euere dede his myȝt [Leaf 61, back] 512
Ryȝt for þ* fyn þat I schal speke of here
As for to bryngyn to his hous sum nyȝt
His fayre nece & troilus in fere 515
Where as at leyser al þis heye matere
Touchynge hire loue were at þe fulle vp bounde
Lad out of doute a tyme to it founde 518

(75)

// ffor he *with* gret deliberacioun 519
Hadde *euery* þyng *þat* herto myȝte auaylyn
fforn cast & put in execucioun
And neyþer lest for cost no for trauayle 522
Come of hem lyst / *hem* schulde no þyng fayle
Ne for to ben in aut aspyȝd þere
þat wist he wel & impossibele were 525

(76)

Dredles it clere was in the wynd. [leaf 50, back] 526
From euery pye and euery lette game.
Now al is wel for al þe world is blynd.
In þis matere boþe fremed and tame. 529
This tymber is al redy vp to frame.
Vs lakketh nought but þat we weten wolde.
A certeyn houre in whiche she comen sholde. 532

(77)

And Troylus þat al þis puruyaunce. 533
Knew at þe fulle and waytede on it ay.
Hadde here-vp-on ek made gret ordenaunce
And founde his cause. and þer-to his aray. 536
Yf þat he were myssed nyght or day.
Ther while he was abowte þis seruyse.
That he was gon to don his sacrifice. 539

(78)

And most at swych a temple a-lone wake. 540
Answered of appollo for to be.
And first to sen þe holy laurer quake.
Er þat Apollo spak out of þe tre. 543
To telle hym next whan grekes sholden fle.
And for[thi] lette hym no man god forbede.
But prey Apollo helpen in þis nede. 546

(79)

Now is þere but litel more for to done. 547
But Pandare vp and shortely for to seyne.
Right soone vpon þe chaungyng of þe moone.
whan lyghtles is þe world a nyght or tweyne. 550
And þat þe walkene shop hym for to reyne.
He straught a morwe vn-to his nece wente.
Ye han wel herd þe fyn of his entente. 553

(76)

¶ Dredeles it clere was in the wynde 526
Of euery pie And euery lette game
Now alle is wel for al þe world is blynde
In þis matere both fremed and tame 529
þis tymbyr is al redy vp to frame
Vs lakketh nought but þat we witen wolde
A certein oure in whiche she comen sholde 532

(77)

¶ And Troilus þat al this purveiaunce 533
And at þe fulle and waited on it ay
Hadde here-vp-on ek / made grete ordinaunce
And fonde his cause and ther-to his aray 536
If that he were myssed nyght or day
Ther while he was a-bouten þis seruyse
þat he was gon to don his sacrifise 539

(78)

¶ And moste at swhich a temple allone wake [lf 41, bk] 540
Answerde of apollo for to be
And first to sen the holy laurer quake
Er þat appollo spake oute of the tre 543
To telle hym next when grekes shold fle
And for-thi lette hym no man god for-bede
But preye apollo helpen in þis nede 546

(79)

¶ Now is ther litel more for to doone 547
But Pandare vp and shortily for to seyne
Right soone vp-on the chaungynge of þe moone
when lightlees is þe world a nyght or tweyne 550
And þat þe walken shope hym for to reyne
He streight o morwe vn-to his nece wente
ȝe han wel herde þe fyn of his entente 553

(76)

¶ Dredeles it cler was in þe wynde 526
Of euery pye of euery lette game
Now al is wel for al þe world is blynd
In þis matere boþe frend & tame 529
þis tymbir is / al redi vp to frame
Vs lakkyth not but we wetyn wolde
A certeyn our in whiche comyn schulde 532

(77)

// And Troylus þat al þis [1] newe daunce [1] (1—1 by corrector) 533
Knew at þe fulle and waytid on it ay
Hadde vp on here mad his puruyaunce
And fond his cause & þerto al þe aray 536
þat ȝif þat he were myssid nyȝt or day
þe while he was a-boutyn his seruyse
þat he was gon to don his sacrifise 539

(78)

¶ And muste at swich a tempele a boue wake 540
Answerid of apollo for to be
And ferst to se þe holy laurer quak
Or þat þe god ouȝt speke out of þ^e tre 543
To tellyn hym next / whi þe grekys xulde fle
And for þy / lette hym no man god forbede
But preye apollo helpyn in þis nede 546

(79)

¶ Now is þere lityl more for to done [leaf 62] 547
But pandarus vp & schortli for to seyne
Lo sone vp-on þ^e schaungyng of þ^e mone
Whan lyȝtles is þ^e world a nyȝt or tweyene 550
And þat þ^e walkyn schop hym forto reyne
He streyt on morwe on-to his nece wente
ȝe han wel herd þ^e fyn of his entente 553

(80)

Whanne he was come he gan a-noon to pleye 554
As he was woned and of hym self to Iape.
And fynally he swor and gan here seye.
By *þis* and þat she shold hym not escape. 557
Ne lengere don hym after here to gape.
But certeynly she moste by here leue.
Come soupen in his hous with hym at eue. 560

(81)

At whiche she lough and gan here faste excuse. 561
And seyde. it rayneth. lo how shal I gon.
Lat be quod he / stond not þus to muse.
This mot be don ye shal be þere a-noon. 564
So at þe laste her-of þey felle at ron.
Or elles softe he swor here in hereere.
He nolde neuere come þere she were. 567

(82)

Soone after þis to hym she gan to rowne. 568
And asked hym yf Troylus were there.
He swor here nay for he was out of towne.
And seyde Nece I pose þat he were. 571
Yow dorste haue neuere the more fere.
For raþere þan men myght hem þere aspie.
Me were leuere a þousand fold to dye. 574

(83)

Nought lyst myn Auctor fully to declare. 575
what þat she þought whan þat he seyde so.
That Troylus was out of town y-fare.
As yf he seyde þere soth or no. 578
But þat with-outen a-wayte with hym to go.
She graunted hym sith he hire þat bisoughte.
And as his Nece obeyed as here oughte. 581

(80)

¶ Whan he was come he gan a-non to pleye 554
As he was wont and of hym self to Iape
And finaly he swore and gan hire seye
Bi this and þat she shold hym nought escape 557
Ne lenger don hym after hire to cape
But certeinly she most by hire leue
Come soupen in his hous with hym at eue 560

(81)

¶ At which she lough and gan hire faste excuse [f. 61] 561
And seyde it reyneth lo how shold I gon
Lat be quod he ne stant nought þus to muse
þis mot be done ȝe shal be þer onon 564
So at þe last here-of they fel attone
Or elles soft he swor hire in hire ere
He nolde neuere comen ther she were 567

(82)

¶ Soone after þis she to hym gan to rowne 568
And axed hym if Troilus wer there
He swor hire nay for he was oute of town
And seyde nece I pose þat he were 571
þow thruste neuere han þe *more* fere
For rather þan men myght hym ther aspie
Me were leuer a thousand folde deye 574

(83)

¶ Nough list myn auctour fully to declare 575
what þat she þought when he seyde so
þat Troilus was oute of town I-fare
As if he seyde ther-of soth or no 578
But þat with a-wayt with hym to go
She graunted hym sith he hire þat bisoughte
And as his nece obeyed as hire oughte 581

(80)

// Whan he was come he gan a-non to pleye 554
As he was wont & of him seluyn iape
And fynally he swor & gan hire seye
Be þis & þat sche schulde hym not a-skape 557
Ne don him lengere aftir hire to gape
But serteynli sche muste bi hire leue
Gum suppe in his hous with hym at eue 560

(81)

¶ At which sche low & gan hire faste excuse 561
And seyde it reynyþ lo how schulde I gon
Let ben quod he ne stond not þus to muse
þis mot ben don ȝe schal ben þere a-non 564
So at þe laste herof þey felle at on
Or ell softe he swor hire in hire ere
He wolde neuere come *þer* sche were 567

(82)

// Sone aftir þis sche gan to hym to rounne 568
And axed hym ȝif þat Troilus was þere
He swor hire nay for he was out of tounne
And [1]seyde / what I pose that he were[1] [1—1 by corrector] 571
He *þourrste* neuere han þe more fere
ffor raþere þan / men / myȝte hym *þere* aspye
Me were leuere a þousend fold to deye 574

(83)

¶ Nowȝt luste myn auȝtour fully to declare 575
What þat sche þouȝte whan he seyde so
þat troilus was out of þe toun I-fare
As ȝif he seyde þerof soþ or no 578
But þat with-oute a-wait with hym to go
Sche grauntid it sip þat he hire be-soute
And as his nece obeyede as hire ouȝte 581

(84)

But natheles yet gan she hym byseche. 582
Al pough with hym to gon it was no fere.
For to be war of gosylyche peple speche.
That dremen pynges whiche pat neuere were. 585
And wel auyse hym whom he brought there.
And seyde hym Em. syn I most on yow triste.
Loke al be wel and do now as yow lyste. 588

(85)

He swor yis by stokkes and by stones. 589
And by pe goddes pat in heuene dwelle.
Or elles were hym leuere soule and bones.
with pluto kyng as depe ben yn helle. 592
As Tantalus what sholde I more telle.
whan al was wel he ros and toke his leue.
And she vn-to pe souper com whan it was eue. 595

(86)

With a certayn of here owene men. [leaf 81, back] 596
And with here faire Nece Antigone.
And opere of here wommen nyne or ten.
But who was glad now. who as trowe ye. 599
But Troylus pat stod / and myght it se.
Thurgh out a lytel wyndowe in a stuwe.
Ther he bishet syn mydnyght was [in] mewe. 602

(87)

Wnwist of euery wight but of Pandare. 603
But to pe poynt. now whanne she was y-come.
with alle Ioye and alle frendes fare.
Here Em a-noon in armes hath here nome. 606
And after to pe souper alle and some.
whan tyme was ful softe pey hym sette.
God wot per was no deynte for to fette. 609

(84)

¶ But natheles 3ett gan she hym biseche [leaf 42] 582
Al-though with hym to gon it was no fere
For it to be war of goosish peples speche
pat drēmen thynges which as neuere were 585
And wel auyse hym whom he brought there
And seyde hym Em syn I most on 3ow triste
Look al be wel do / now as 3ow liste 588

(85)

¶ He swor hire 3is by stokkes and by stones 589
And by the goddes pat in heuene dwelle
Or elles were he leuere soule and bones
with Pluto kynge as depe ben in helle 592
as Tantalus what shold I more telle
when alle was wel he roos and tooke his leue
And she to soper come when it was eue 595

(86)

¶ With a certeyn of hire own men
And with hire faire nece antigone
And other of hire wommen nyne or ten
But who was glade now who as trowe 3e 599
But troilus pat stood and myght it se
Thorugh-out a litel wyndowe in a stewe
Ther he bishet sen myndnyght was in muwe 602

(87)

¶ Wnwist of euery wyght but of Pandare 603
But to pe pointe now when she was come
with alle Ioie [and] alle-frendes fare
Hire Em anon in armes hath hire nome 606
And efter to the soper alle and some
when tyme was ful soft they hem sette
God woot ther was no deynte for to fette 609

(84)

¶ But neuere-pe-les 3it gan sche hym be-seche [fr 82, bk] 582
Al-pow *with him* to gon it was no fere
for to be war [1]of the[1] puples speche [[1—1] *by corrector*]
þat demyn þingis wich þat neuere were 585
And wel al avise hym hom he brouȝte þere
And seyde hym Em sip I mot on 3ow troste
Loke al be wel & do-riȝt as 3ow leste 588

(85)

// He swor hire þis be stokkis & be stonys 589
And be þe goddis þat in heuene dwelle
Or ellis were he leuere soule & bonis
With plute kyng as depe ben in helle 592
As tantalus what schulde I more telle
Whan al was wel he roos & tok his leue
And sche to soper *com* whan it was eue 595

(86)

¶ *With* a serteyn of hire owene men 596
And *with* hire fayre nece antegone
And of hire wemen wel nyne or ten
But who is glad who as trowe 3e 599
But Troilus þat stod and myȝt it se
þrow-out an hole of a *litȝl* stewe
þere he be schet sin mydnyȝt was *in* mewe 602

(87)

// On-wist of euery wyȝt but of Pandare 603
But to þ* poynt whan þat sche was come
With al Ioye & al frendis fare
Hire em a-non in armis haþ hire nome 606
And afterr to soper al & some
Whan tyme was ful softe þei hem sette
God wpt *þere* was no deynte for to fette 609

(88)

And after souper gonnen pey to ryse.
At ese wel with hertes fressh and glade.
And wel was hym that koude best auyse.
To like here. or laughen pat here made.
He song. she pleyde. he told tales of wade.
But at pe laste as euery ping hath ende.
She tok here leue. and nedes she wolde wende.

(89)

1 destine.
But .o. Fortune executrice of wyerdes.
O. Influences of pise heuenes hye.
Soth is pat vnder god ye ben oure hierdes.
Though to vs bestes ben the causes wrie.
This mene I for she gan homward hye.
But execut was al byside here leue.
At the goddes wyl. for which she moste bleue.

(90)

The bente mone with hire hornes pale.
Saturne and Ioue in Cancro Ioyned were.
That swych a rayn from heuene gan a-vale.
That euery maner womman pat was here.
Hadde of pat smoky reyn a verray fere.
At which pandare po lough and seyde panne.
Now were a tyme a lady to go henne.

(91)

But goode Nece yf I myght euere-plese. [leaf 63]
Yow any ping panne prey [I] yow quod he.
To don myn herte as now so gret an ese.
As for to dwelle here al pis nyght with me.
For-whi pis is yovre owene hous parde.
For be my trouthe I sey it for no game.
To wende now it were to me a shame.

(88)

¶ And after soper gonnen they to ryse.
At ese wele with hegte fresshe and glade
And wel was hym pat koude beste deuyse
To liken hire or pan hire laughen made.
He songh she pleyde he told tales of wade
But at pe last as thuery thynge has ende
She tooke hire leue and nedes wald wende

(89)

¶ But o fortune executrice of wierdes
O Influences of pis heuenes hye
Soth is pat vnder god ye ben oure hierdes
Though to vs bestes ben pe causes wrye
pis mene I now for she gan homwarft hye
But execut was al byside hire leue
At pe goddes wil for which she most bleue

(90)

¶ The bent moone with hire hornes pale [leaf 48, back]
Saturne and Ioue in Cancro Ioyned were
pat swich a reyne from heuene gan auale
pat euery manere woman pat was there
Hadde of pis smoky reyn a verray fere
At which Pandare po lough and seyde thenne
Now were it tyme a lady to getto hende

(91)

¶ But goode nece If I myght euere plese
3ow any thynge pan preye ich 3ow quod he
To don myn herte as now so grete an ese
as for to dwelle here al pis nyght with me
For whi pis is 3oure owene hous parde
For by my trowth I sey it nought a game
To wende as now it were to me a shame

(88)

¶ And aftyr soper gunne pei to rise
At ese wel with hertis frossche & glade
And wel was hym pat coude deuyse
To likyn hire or pat hire lauhyn made
He song sche pleyede he tolde tals of wade
But at p* laste as euery lyng hap ende
Sche tok hire leue and nedis wolde wynde

(89)

¶ But o fortune executrice of wordis [leaf 63] 617
O influencis of pyne heuenys heye
Soþ is þat / vndir god 3e ben oure hirdis
þow to vs bestis is þ* cause I-wrie
I mene it now for sche gan hom to hyze
but execut was al be-syde hire leue
þ* goddis wil / for wich sche muste be-leue

(90)

// þ* bente mone with hire hornys pale
Saturne & Ioue in cancro ioyned were
þat made swich a-reyn from heue auale
þat euery maner woman þat was þere
Hadd*n of þis smoke reyn a verray fere
At wich pandarus low & seyde þan
Now were it tyme a lady to gon hen

(91)

¶ But goode nece 3if I myght euere plese
3ow *ony* þing. þan prei I3ow quod he
To don myn herte as nov so gret an ese
As for to dwellyn here al þis nyst *with* me
for-whi þis is 3oure owene hous parde
Now bi my trouthe: I seye it not on game
To wende as now to me it were a schame

(92)

Criseyde whiche þat kowde as muche good.
As half a world tok[1] hede of his preyere. [1 tok corrected]
And syn it ron. and al was on a flode.
She boughte as good chep may I dwelle here.
And graunte gladly with a frendes chere.
And haue a þank as gruche and þanne a-byde.
For hom to gon it may nought wel be-tyde.

(93)

I wole quod she myn vncle lef and drede.
Syn þat yow lyst it skile is to be so.
I am right glad with yow to dwellen here.
I seyde but a game I wolde go.
I-wys graunt mercy Nece quod he þo.
were it a game or no soth for to telle.
Now am I glad syn þat yow lyst to dwelle.

(94)

Thus al is wel. but þo by-gan a-right.
The newe Ioye and al þe feste a-gayn.
But Pandarus yf goodly hadde he myght.
He wolde han hyed here to bedde fayn.
And seyde lord þis is an huge rayn.
This were a weder for to slepen Inne.
And þat I rede vs soone to by-gynne.

(95)

And Nece wot ye where I wol yow leye.
For þat we shul not lyggen fer a-sonder.
And for ye neiþer shullen dar I seye.
Heren noyse of reynes nor of þondre.
By god right in my lite closet yonder.
And I wole in þat oþer hous allone.
Be wardeyn of youre wommen euerychone.

(92)

¶ Criseyde which þat as muche goode
As half a world took hede of his preyere
and syn it ron and alle was on a flode
She thought as good chep may I dwelle here
And graunte it gladly with a frendes chere
And haue a thank as gruche and þanne abide
For hom to gon it may nought wele bitide

(93)

¶ I wol quod she myn vncle lief and dere
Syn þat yow list it skyl is to be so
I am right glad with yow to dwellen here
I-seyde but a game I wold go
I-wis graunte mercy nece quod he þo
were it a game or no soth for to telle
Now am I glad syn þat yow list to dwelle

(94)

¶ þus al is wele / but þo bigan aright
þe newe Ioie and alþe fest agayne
But Pandarus If goodly hadde he myght
He wold han hyed hire to bedde fayn
and seyde lord þis is an huge reyne
þis were a weder for to slepen Iane
and þat I-rede vs soon bygynne

(95)

¶ And nece woot ye where I wol yow leye
For þat we shullen not liggen fer a-sonder
And for ye neither shullen dar I seye
Heren noise of reynes nor of thonder
By god right in my lite closet yonder
And I wol in þat outter hous allone
Be warden of youre wommen euerychon

(92)

// Crisseide which þat coude as meche good
As half a world tok hed gt his preyere
And sey it reyne & al was on flode
Sche þouste as good schep may I dwelle here
And grauntede frely with a frendis chere
And han a þank / as groche & þanne a-byde
ffor hom to gon / it may not wel betyde

(93)

¶ I wele qud sche myn vnkele loue & dere
Sipe þat yo list skyl is to ben so
I am ryȝt glad with yow to dwelle here
I seyde it but on game. I wolde go
I-wis graunt merci nece quod he þo
Were it on game or non soþ for to telle
Now am I glad I-now / syn ȝe wele with me dwelle

(94)

¶ þus al is wel but ȝe be-gan a-ryȝt [leaf ex, mark]
þ^e^ newe Ioye & þ^e^ feste a-geyne
But pandar*us* ȝif goodli hadde he myȝt
He wolde *him* hyȝed hire to bedde fayn
And seyde lord þis is an huge rayn
þis were a wedir for to slepin in
And þat I rede vs sone to begyn

(95)

// And nece what ȝe whare I wele ȝow leye
ffor þat we sohal not lyn fer a sundyr
And for ȝe noþer schuln dare I seye
Heryn noyse of reynys / ne of þundyr
By god ryȝt in myn litil closit ȝondir
And I wele in *þis* vttir *hous* a-lone
Ben wardeyn of ȝoure wemen euerychone

(96)

And in þis myddel chaumbre þat ye se. 666
Shul youre wommen slepen wel and softe.
And þere I seyde shal youre selue be. (*)
And yf ye liggen wel to nyght come ofte. 669
And careth not what weder *is* on lofte.
The wyn a-non and whan so þat yow leste.
So go we slepe .I. trowe it be þe beste.[1] 672

[1 Than is it tyme / for to go to reste.—*Caxton, & Harl.* 1238.]

(97)

Ther nys no more but here after soone. 673
The voyde dronke / and trauers drawe anoon.
Gan euery wight þat hadde nought to done.
More in þat place out of þat chaumber gon. 676
And euere mo so sternelych it ron.
And blew þer-with so wonderlyche loude.
That wel neigh no man heren oþer koude. 679

(98)

Tho Pandarus here Em right as hym oughte. 680
with wommen swyche as were hire most a-boute.
Ful glad vn-to hire beddes syde here broughte.
And toke his leue. and gan ful lowe-lowte. 683
And seyde here in þis closet dore with-onte.
Right ouer-thwart youre wommen lyggen alle.
That whom yow lyste of hem ye may here calle. 686

(99)

So whanne þat she was yn þe closet leyd. 687
And alle here wommen forth by ordenaunce.
A bedde weren. þere as I haue seyd.
There was no more to speken nor to traunce. 690
But boden go to bedde with myschaunce.
If ony wight was sterynge ony where.
And late hem slepe þat abedde were. 693

(96)

¶ And in þis myddel chaumber þat ze se [last 48] 666
Shal 3oure wommen slepen wel and softe
And ther I seyde shal 3oure seluen be (*)
And if ze liggen wel to nyght come ofte 669
And careth nought what weder is a-lofte
The wyn anon and whan so þat 3ow leste
So go we slepe I trow it be þe beste 672

(97)

¶ Ther nys no more but here after soone 673
The voide dronke and trauers drawe anon
Gan euery wyghte þat hadde nought to done
More in þe place oute of þe chaumber gone 676
And euere mo so sternelich it ron
and blew ther-with so wonderliche loude
þat wel neighe no man heren other koude 679

(98)

¶ Tho Pandarus hire Em right as hym oughte 680
with wommen swiche as were hire most aboute
Ful glad vn-to hire beddes syde hire brought
and took his leue and gan ful lowe loute 683
And seyde hire at his closet dore with-oute
Right ouerthwart 3oure wommen liggen alle
That whom 3ow list of hem ze may here calle 686

(99)

¶ So when þat she was in þe closet layde 687
and alle wommen forth by ordinaunce
A bedde weren ther as I haue seyde
There was namore to skipen nor to traunce 690
But boden go to bedde with mischaunce
If any wight was sterynge any where
and lat hem slepen that a bedde ware 693

(96)

¶ And in þis myddil chaumbir þat 3e se [last 64] 666
Schal 3oure wymmen slepin wel & softe
And þere he seyden schal 3oure seluyn be (*)
And if 3e liggyn wel to nyst come ofte 669
And carip not what wedir is on lofte
þe wyn a-non / & whanso þat 3ow lyst
So gowe slepe / I trowe it be þe best 672

(97)

¶ þere nys no more but here aftyr sone 673
þey voydyn dronkyn & trauers drowe a-non
Gan euery wyst þat hadde not to done
More in þat place out of þe chambir gon 676
And euere more to sterneliche it ron
And blew þerwip so wondirliche loude
þat wol ny no man heryn oþer coude 679

(98)

¶ þo Pandarus hire em ryst as hym ouste 680
With wemmen wesch as were hire moste aboute
ful glad on-to his beddis syde hire brust
And tok his leue & low & gan to loute 683
And seyde hire at þis closet dore with-onte
Ryst ouerthwert 3oure wemen liggyn alle
þat whom 3e lyst of hem 3e may calle 686

(99)

¶ So whan þat sche was in þat closet leid [last 64] 687
And alle hire wemen forth by ordenaunce
A bedde weryn þere as I haue seyd
þere was no more to schepe ne to traunce 690
But bydyn gon to bedde with mischaunce
If ony man was steryngе eny where
And lat hem slepyn þat a bedde were 693

(100)

[illegible]arus þat wel koude eche a del.
[illegible]daunce. and euery poynt þer-Inne.
[illegible]t he sey þat al þyng was wel.
[illegible]ght he wolde on his werk bygynne.
[illegible]n þe stewe dore al soft vn-pynne.
[illegible]ille as ston with-outen lenger lette.
[illegible]ylus a-down right he hym sette.

(101)

[illegible] shortly to the poynt ryght for to gon. [Leaf 53]
Of alle þis werk he told hym word and ende.
And seyde make þe redy ryght a-noon.
Thow shalt in to heuene blysse wende.
Now blysful Venus þow me grace sende.
Quod Troylus. for neuere yet no nede.
Hadde I er now. ne haluendel þe drede.

(102)

Quod Pandarus ne drede þe neuere a del.
For it shal ben right as þow wylt desire.
So thriue I this nyght shal I make it wel.
Or casten al þe Growel in þe fyre.
Yit blisful Venus þis nyght þow me enspire.
Quod Troylus. as wys as I þe serue.
And euere bet and bet shal til I sterue.

(103)

An yf I hadde .o. Venus ful of murþe.
Aspectes badde. of mars or of Saturne.
Or þow Combest or let were my byrþe.
Thi fader prey al þilke harme disturne.
Of grace and þat I glad a-yen may turne.
For loue of hym þow louedest yn þe shaw
I mene Adoon þat with þe bor was slawe.

(100)

¶ But Pandarus þat wel koude ech a decle
þe olde daunce and euery poynt ther-Inne
when þat he seye þat alle thynge was wele
He thought he wolde vp-on his werk bygynne
And gan the stewe dore al soft vnpynne
as stille as stone with-outen langer lette
By Troilus a-down right he hym sette

(101)

¶ And shortly to þe pointe right for to gon
Of alle this werk he told hym worde and ende
And seyde make the redy righ anon
For thow shalt into heuene blisse wende
Now blisful Venus thow me grace sende
Quod Troilus / for neuere ȝet no nede
hadde ich er now / ne haluendeel þe drede

(102)

¶ Quod Pandarus ne drede the neuere a dele
For it shal be righ as thow wolt desire
So thryue I þis nyght shal I make it wele
Or casten al þe gruwel in þe fyre
ȝet blisful Venus þis nyght thow me enspire
Quod Troilus as wys as I the serue
And euere bet and bet shal til I sterue

(103)

¶ And if ich hadde o Venus ful of myrthe
Aspectes hadde of mars or of Saturne
Or thow combust or let were in my byrth
þi fader prey al thylke harme desturne
Of grace / and þat I glad a-ȝein may turne
For loue of hym thow louedest in þe shawe
I mene adon þat with þe bore was slawe

(100)

// And pandarus þat wel coude eche a del
Wolde daunce & euery poynt þerinne
Whan þat he woste alle þynge was wel
He þouȝte he wolde vp on his werk be-gynne
And gan þe stewe dore al softe on-pinne
And stille as ston with-outyn more lette
By Troylus adoun ryȝt he hym sette

(101)

¶ And schortli to þe poynt riȝt for to gon
Of al þis werk he told him word & ende
And seyde mak þe redi riȝt a-non
ffor þow xat in to heuene blysse wynde,
Now blisful venus þou me grace synde
Qud troylus. for neuere ȝede no nede
Hardere þan now ne haluyndel þe drede

(102)

// Quod pandarus ne dred þe neuere a del
ffor it schal be ryȝt as þou wilt desire
So þryue I wis nyȝt I schal make it wel
Or castyn al þe growel in þe fyr
Now seynt venus þou me þis nyȝt enspire
Quod Troilus as wis as I þe serue
And euere bet & bet wil tyl I sterwe

(103)

¶ And if I hadde o venus ful of murþe
Aspectis badde of mars or of saturne
Or þou cumbrid or let were in myn burþe
þyn fadir prey þilke harm disturne
Of grace & þat I glad a-ȝin may turne
ffor loue of hym þou louedist in þe schawe
I mene a-don þat with þe bor was slawe

(104)

Ioue ek for þe loue of faire Europe.
The whiche in forme of bole a-way þow fette.
Now help .o. Mars thow with þi blody cope.
For loue of Cipres þow me nought ne lette.
O phebus þenk whan dane here seluen shette.
Vnder þe bark / and laurer wax for-drede.
Yet for here loue .o. help now at þis nede.

(105)

Mercurye for þe loue of hierse ek.
For whiche Pallas was with Aglawros wroth.
Now help and ek diane I þe by-sek.
That þis viage be not to þe loth.
O fatal sustren / which er ony clop.
Me shapen was. my destenye me sponne.
So help to þis werk þat is bygonne.

(106)

Quod Pandarus thow wreched mouses herte. (leaf 81, back)
Art þow a-garst. so þat she wole þe byte.
whi do ox þis furred cloke a-boue þi sherte.
And folewe me for I wol han þe wyte.
But byde and late me go by-fore a lyte.
And with þat word he gan vn-do a trappe.
And Troylus he brought In by þe lappe.

(107)

The sterne wynd so lowde gan to route.
That no wight oþer noyse myghte here.
And þey þat lay at þe dore with-oute.
Ful sikerly þei slepten al I-fere.
And Pandarus with a ful sobre chere.
Goth to þe dore anoon wit-owten lette.
There as þey laye. and softely it shette.

(104)

¶ O Ioue ek for þe loue of fayre Europe
þe which in forme of bool a-wey thow fette
Now help / o mars thow with þi blody cope
For þe loue of Cypres thow me nought ne lette
O phebus thynke whan dane hire seluen shette
Vnder þe bark and lauer wax for-drede
3et for hire loue o help now at þis nede.

(105)

¶ Mercure for þe loue of hierse eke
For whiche Pallas was with a-glowros wroth
Now help and ek diane I þe biseche
þat þis viage be nought to þe loth
O fatal sustren which er any cloth
Me shapen was my destenye me sponne
So helpeth to þis work þat is bygonne

(106)

¶ Quod Pandarus thow wriched mowse herte
Art tow agast so þat she wil þe bite
wy dou þis furred cloke vp on þi sherte
And folowe me for I-wol han þe wyte
But bid and let me gon by-forne a lyte
And *with* þat word he gan vn-don a trappe
And Troilus he brought in by þe lappe

(107)

¶ The sterne wynde so lowde kan to route
þat no wight other noise myght here
and they þat layen at þe dore *with*-oute
Ful sikirly they slepten al I-feere
And Pandarus *with* a ful-sobre chere
Goth to þe dore anon *with*-outen lette
þer as þey laye and softly it shette

(104)

¶ O Ioue for þe loue of fayre Europe (leaf 81, back)
þe which on forme of bok a-wey þou fette
Now help o mars þou *with* þyn blodi cope
ffor loue of cipris þou me not ne lette
O phebus penk whan dane hire seluyn schette
Vndir þe bark & laurer wex for-drede
3it for hire loue o help now at þis nede

(105)

¶ Mercurie for þe loue of hire eke
ffor which pallas was *with* a-glouros wrop
Now help & ek diane I þe biseche
þat þis viage be not þe lop
O fatal austerin which or ony clop
Me schapyn was myn destenè me spinne
Now helpyþ to þis werk þat is be-gunne

(106)

¶ Quod pandarus þou wrechede mousis herte
Art þow a-gast so þat sche wil þe bete
Whi do þis furrede cloke vp-on þyn scherte
And folwe me for I wole han þe wite
But byd & lat me gon a-fore a lite
And *with* þat word he gan on-do a trappe
And Troilus he broute in bi þ lappe

(107)

¶ þe sterne wynd so loude began to route
þat no wyst oþer noyse myste here
And þey þat leye at þ dere *with*-oute
ful sekyrly þey sleptyn alle in fere
And pandarus *with* a ful sobere cher
Soþ to þ dore a-non *with*-outyn lette
þere as þey lay & softeli it schette

(108)

[illegible]e come a-yenward preuely. 750
[illegible]e a-wook and asked who goth þere.
[illegible]e Nece quod he it am .I.
[illegible]ondreth not / ne haueth of it no fere. 753
[illegible]d ner he com and seyde here yn here ere.
[illegible] word for loue of god I yow byseche.
[illegible]at no wight rysen and heren of oure speche. 756

(109)

What which weye be ye comen benedicite. 757
Quod she and how vnwyst of vs alle.
Here at þis secre trappe dore quod he.
Quod þo Criseyde lat me som wyght calle. 760
I god forbede that it sholde falle.
Quod þo Pandarus þat ye swych foly wroughte.
They myght deme þyng þey neuere þoughte. 763

(110)

It is nought good a slepyng hound to wake. 764
Ne yeue a wyght a cause to deuyne.
Youre wommen slepen alle I vnder-take.
So þat for hem the hous men myghte myne. 767
And slepen wolen til þe sonne shyne.
And whanne my tale al brought is to an ende.
Vnwist right as I cam so wole I wende. 770

(111)

Now Nece myn ye shul wel vnderstonde. [leaf 54] 771
Quod he so as ye wommen demen alle.
That for to holde in loue a man in honde.
And hym here lef and dere herte calle. 774
And maken hym an howue a-boue a calle.
I mene as loue an oþer in þis mene while.
She doth hire self a shame and hym [a] gyle. 777

(108)

¶ And as he come aȝeynward pryuely 750
His nece a-woke and axen who goth there
My dere nece quod he it am I
Ne wondereth nought ne haue of it no fare 753
And ner he com and seyde hire in hire ere
No word for loue of god I ȝow biseche
Lat no wight rise and heren of oure speche 756

(109)

¶ What whiche way be ȝe comen benedicite 757
Quod she and how vnwiste of hem alle
Here at this secre trappe dore quod he
Quod she Criseyde lat me som wight calle 760
I god forbede that it shold falle
Quod Pandarus / that ȝe shwich folye wroughte
They myghte demen thynge they neuere er thoughte 763

(110)

¶ It is nought goode a slepyng hounde to wake 764
Ne ȝeve a wyght a cause to deuyne
Ȝoure wommen slepen alle I vndertake
So þat hem þe hous men myghte myne 767
And slepen wollen til þe sonne shyne
And when my tale brought is to an ende
Wnwyst right as I com so wol I wende 770

(111)

¶ Now nece myn ȝe shal wel vnderstonde 771
Quod he so ye wommen demen alle
Þat for to [1]holde in loue a man in honde [1 hold corrected]
And hym hire lief and dere herte calle 774
And maken hym an howue aboue a calle
I mene as loue a nother in þis mene while
She doth hire-self a shame and hym a gyle 777

(108)

// And as he come a ȝynward priuyly 750
His nece awok & seyde ho goþ þere
Myn dere nece he seyth it am I
Ne wonderyth not ne hauyþ of it no fere 753
And ner he com & seyde hire in hire ere
No word for þe loue of god I ȝow be-seche
Let hem not rysyn & heryn oure speche 756

(109)

¶ What which way be ȝe comyn benedicite [leaf 65] 757
Quod sche & how þus vnwist of hem alle
Here at þis secre trappe dore quod he
Quod þo Crisseyde let me sum wiȝt calle 760
I god for-bede þat it schulde falle
Quod Pandarus, þat ȝe swych folye wrouȝt
Þey myȝte deme þyngis þey neuer er þouȝt 763

(110)

// It is not good a slepynge hound to wake 764
Ne ȝeuyn a wyȝt a cause to deuyne
Ȝoure wemen slepin alle I vndirtake
So þat for hem þe hous men myȝtyn myne 767
And slepyn welyn tyl þe sunne schyne
And whan myn tale brouȝt is to an ende
Vn-wist ryȝt as I come so wil I wende 770

(111)

¶ Now nece myn ȝe schal wel vndirstonde 771
Quod he so as ȝe wemen demyn alle
Þat for to holdyn in loue a man in honde
And him hire lef & dere herte calle 774
And makyn hym a houe vp on a calle
I mene as louyn anoþer in þis wyse [1 ere, corrector]
Sche doþ here[1] seluyn a schame & him a gile 777

(112)

Now wherby þat I telle yow al þis. 778
Ye wot your self as wel as ony wyght.
How þat youre loue þat fully graunted is.
To Troylus þe worþieste knyght. 781
On of þis world and þer-to trouþe plyght.
That but it were on hym a-long ye nolde.
Hym neuere falsen / whilé ye lyuen sholde. 784

(113)

Now stant it þus þat sith I fro yow wente. 785
This Troylus right platly for to seyn.
Is þurgh a goter by a preuy wente.
In-to my chaumbre come in al þis reyn. 788
Vnwyst of euery manere wyght certeyn.
Saue of my self as wysly haue I Ioye.
And by þat feith I shal Pryam of Troye. 791

(114)

And he is come in swich peyne and distresse. 792
That but he be al fully wod by þis.
He sodeynly mot falle in-to wodnesse.
But yf god helpe / and cause whi is þis. 795
He seyth hym told is of a frend of his
How þat ye louen sholde on þat hatte Horaste.
For sorwe of whiche þis nyght shalt ben his laste. 798

(115)

Criseyde which þat alle þese þynges herde. 799
Gan sodeynly aboute her herte colde.
And with a syk ful sorwfully answerede.
Allas I wende who-so tales tolle. 802
My dere herte wolde me not holde.
So lyghtly fals / allas conseytes. wronge.
what harm þey don. for now lyue I to longe. 805

(112)

¶ Now wherby þat I telle ȝow al this 778
Ȝe wot ȝoure-self as wel as any wyghte
How þat ȝoure loue alle fully graunted is
To Troilus the worthiest knyghte 781
Oon of þis word and þer-to trouthe I plighte
Þat but it were on hym a-longe ȝe nolde
Hym neuere falsen while ȝe lyuen sholde 784

(113)

¶ Now stant it thus þat sith I fro ȝow wente 785
This Troilus right platly for to seyn
Is thorwgh a goter by a pryue wente
Into my chaumber com in al þis reyn 788
Vnwist of euery manere wight certeyn
Saue of my self as wisly have I Ioye
And by þe feith I shal priam of Troye 791

(114)

¶ And he is come in swich [1]wo and distresse [If 44, bk] 792
And but he be alle fully woode by this [[1] wich corrected; wo overline, / later]
He sodeynly mot falle in to wodenesse
But god help and cause whi þis is 795
He seith hym tolde is of a frende of his
How þat ȝe sholden louen oon þat hatte horaste
For sorwe of whiche þis nyght shal ben his laste 798

(115)

¶ Criseyde which þat al þis wonder herde 799
Gan sodeynly a-boute hire hert colde
And with a sik she sorwfully answerde
Allas I wende who-so tales tolde 802
My deere herte wold me nought holde
So lightly fals allas conseyues wronge
what harme they don for now lyue I to longe 805

(112)

// Now wherby þat I telle ȝow þis
Ȝe weto ȝoure self as wel as ony wyȝt
How þat ȝoure loue al fully grauntyd is
To Troylus þe worþieste knyt
On of þe world and þerto treuthe plyȝt
Þat but it were on him a-long ȝe nolde
Hym neuere falsyn whil ȝe leuyn schulde 78

(113)

¶ Now stont it þus þat syn I fro ȝow went 785
Þis Troilus ryȝt platli for to seyne
Iis þour a goter bi a priue went
In-to myn chambere comyn in al þis reyn 788
Vnwyst of euery maner of whit serteyn
Saue of myn self as wisely haue I ioye
And be þat feyth I schal Priame of Troye 791

(114)

¶ And he is comyn in swich peine & distresse [If 65, bk] 792
Þat but he be al fully wod bi þis
He sodeynly mot fallyn in-to wodnesse
But ȝif god helpe & cause whi þis is 795
He seith it is told hym of a frend of his
How þat ȝe schulde louyn on þat hatte horaste
ffor sorwe of which þis nyȝt schal ben his laste 798

(115)

// Cresseide which þat of þis wondir herde 799
Gan sodeynly a-boutyn hire herte coldyn
And with a sik sche sorwefully answerde
Allas I wende ho-so talis tolde 802
Myn dere herte he wolde me not helde
So lyȝtely fals allas conseytis wrong
What harm þey don for now leue I to longe 805

(116)

allas and falsen Troylus. [leaf 84, back] 806
hym not god helpe me so quod she.
what wykked spirit told hym þus.
certes Em to more yf I hym se. 809
al per-of as fully excuse me.
euere dide womman yf he lyke.
nd with þat word she gan ful sore syke. 812

(117)

O quod she so wordily selynesse. 813
which clerkes callen fals felicite.
y-medled is with many a bitternesse.
Ful angwyshous. than is god wot quod she. 816
Condicioun of veyn prosperite.
For oþer Ioyes comen nough y-fere.
Or elles no wight hath hem alwey here. 819

(118)

O brotel wele of mannes Ioye vnstable. 820
with what wyght so þow be or how þow pleye.
Ouþer he wot þat þow Ioye art muable.
Other he wot it not. it mot ben on of tweye. 823
Now yf he wot it not how may he seye.
That he hath verray Ioye and selynesse.
That is of ignoraunce ay in derknesse. 826

(119)

Now yf he wot þat Ioye is transitorie. 827
As euery Ioye of worldly thyng mot fle.
Than euery tyme he hath in memorie.
The drede of lesyng maketh hym þat he. 830
May in no parfit selynesse be.
And yf to lese his Ioye he set a myte.
Than semeth it þat Ioye is worth but lyte. 833

(116)

¶ Horsate allas and falsen Troilus 806
I knowe hym nought god helpe me so quod she
allas what wikked spirit tolde hym thus
Now certes Em to morw and I hym se 809
I shal ther-of as ful excusen me
as euere dide womman if hym like
and with þat worde she gan ful sore sike 812

(117)

¶ O god quod she wordly selynesse 813
which clerkes tellen fals felicite
I-medled is with many a bitternesse
Ful angwyshous than is god woote quod she 816
Condicion of veyn prosperite
For oyther Ioies comen nought yfeere
Or elles no wight hath hym alwey here 819

(118)

¶ O brotel wele of manes Ioie vnstable 820
with what wight so thow be or how thow pleye
Oither ho woot þat thow Ioie art muable
Or woot it nought it mot ben on of tweyen 823
Now if he woot. how may he seyen
That he hath verray Ioie and selynesse
þat is of ignoraunce ay in distresse 826

(119)

¶ Now if ȝe woote þat Ioie is transitorie 827
As euery Ioie or wordly thynge mot fle
þanne euery tyme he þat hath in memorie
þe drede of lesynge maketh hym þat he 830
May no parfite selynesse be
And If to lese his ioie he sette a myte
Than semeth it þat Ioie is worth ful lite 833

(116)

¶ Horeste allas & falsyn troylus 806
I knowe hym not god help me so quod sche
Allas what wekede spiryt tolde hym þus
Now sertys em to morwe & I hym se 809
I schal of þat as ful excusyn me[1] [1 yn me, *by corrector*]
As euere dede woman ȝif him like
And with þat word sche gan ful sore sike 812

(117)

// O god quod sche so wordeli selynesse 813
Which clerkis tellyn fals felicite
I-medelid is with manye a bittyrnesse
ful angwyssous god wot þan is quod sche 816
Condisciouu of veyn prosperite
ffor oþere ioyis com not in fere
Or ellis no wyȝt haþ hem // [2]longe here[2] [2—2 *corrector*] 819

(118)

¶ O bretil wele of manys ioye vn-stabele 820
With what wyt þat þou be how so þow pley
O þer he wot þat þou Ioye art mouabele
Or wot it nouȝt / it mot ben on of þe tweye 823
Now of he wot it nouȝt how mȝyt he seye
þat he haþ verray ioye & selynesse
þat is of ygnoraunce ay in derknesse 826

(119)

¶ Now ȝif he wot þat ioye is trancitorie [leaf 66] 827
As euery ioye of wordeli þyng mot fle
þan euery tyme he þat haþ in memorie
þ[e] dred of lesyngis makiþ him þat he 830
May in no p*er*fyt selynesse be
And ȝif to lese his ioye he set a myte
þan semyþ it þat ioye is worþ ful lite 833

(120)

Wherfore I wol deffyne in þis manere.
That trewely for ought I kan espie.
Ther is nó verray wele in þis world here.
But o. þow wykked serpent Ialousye.
Thow myshelened and envyous folye.
whi hastow mad Troylus to me vntriste.
That neuere yet agylte hym þat I wyste.

(121)

Quod Pandarus thus fallen is þis cas. [leaf 45]
whi vncle myn quod she who tokl yow þis.
whi doth myn dere herte þus allas.
Ye wote ye nece myn quod he what is.
I hope al shal be wel þat is amys.
For ye may quenche al þis yf þat yow leste.
And doth right so. for I holde it þe beste.

(122)

So shal I do to morwe y-wys quod she.
And god to-forn. so þat it shal suffise.
To morwe allas. þat were a fayre quod he.
Nay nay it may not stonden yn þis wyse.
For Nece myn þus writen clerkes wyse.
That peril is with drecchyng yn I-drawe.
Nay swych a-bodes be nought worth an hawe.

(123)

Nece al þing hath tyme I dar a-vowe.
For whan a chaumber a-fyr is or an halle.
More nede is it sodeynly to rescowe.
Than to dispute and axe a-monges alle.
How þis candele in þe straw is falle.
A benedicite for al among þat fare.
The harm is don. and fare wel feld-fare.

(120)

¶ Wher-for I wol deffyne in this matere [leaf 45] 834
þat trewly for aught I kan espie
Ther is no verray wele in this world here
But o thow wikked serpent Ialousie 837
Thow myshileued and enuyous folye
whi hastow made Troilus to me vntruste
þat neuere get a-gylte hym that I wyste 840

(121)

¶ Quod Pandarus thus fallen is this cas 841
why vncle myn quod she who tolde hym þis
why doth my deere herte thus allas
3e woote ye nece myn quod he what is 844
I hope alle shal be wel þat is a-mys
For ye may quenche alle þis if þat 3ow liste
And doth right so for I hold it for þe beste 847

(122)

¶ So shal I do to morw I-wis quod she 848
And god to-forn so þat it shal suffise
To morwe allas that were a fair quod he
Nay nay it may nought stonden in þis wyse 851
For nece myn thus writen clerkes wyse [Mora trahit periculum]
þat peril is with drecchynge in yilowe
Nay swich abedes ben nought worth an hawe 854

(123)

¶ Nece alle thynge hath tyme I dar auowe 855
For when a chaumbere a fire is or an halle
wel more now is it sodynly rescowe
þan to disputen and axe amonges alle 858
How this candele in þe strow is falle
A benedicite for al a-monge þat fare
þe harme is don and fare wel feldefare 861

(120)

// Where-fore I wele defyne in þis manere
þat trewely for ought I can aspie
þere is no werre wele in þis world here
ffor o þou walkede serpent Ielusie [K may meen
þou mys-be-leuyd envyous folye
Whi hast þou troylus mad to me vntrust
þat neuere 3it a-gilt him þat I wist

(121)

// Quod Pandarus þus fallyn is þis cas
What vnkele myn *quod* sche ho told *him* þis
Whi doþ myn dere herte þus allas
3e wot ye nece myn what it is 844
I hope al schal ben wel þat is a-mis
ffor 3e may quenche al þis 3if þat 3ow lyste
And doþ riȝt so / for I holde it þe beste 847

(122)

// So schal I do to morwe I-wis quod sche 848
And god to-forn so þat it schal suffyse
To morwyn allas þat were a fayr *quod* he
Nay nay it may not stondyn in þis wise 851
ffor nece myn þis writyn clerkis wise
þat peril is with dreching¹ In I-drawe¹ [¹—¹ ing—drawe corrector]
Nay swich abydis ben not worþ an haue 854

(123)

¶ Nece alle þynge haþ tyme I dar awowe 855
ffor whan a chambere / is a fere / or an halle
It nediþ more sodeynly rescoue
þan to disputyn & axyn a-mongis alle 858
How þis candele in þe straw falle
A benedicite for al among þat fare
þe harm is don & farwel feldefare 861

(124)

[redacted]yn take it not [a]gref. 862
[redacted]ffre hym al nyght in þis wo.
[redacted]as so ye hadde hym neuere lef.
[redacted] seyn. now þere is but we two. 865
[redacted] wot þat ye wole not do so.
[redacted]o wys to do so gret folye.
[redacted] his lyf al nyght in Iupartie. 868

(125)

[redacted]e ye hym neuere *lef* by god I wene. 869
[redacted]hadde neuere þing so *lief* quod she.
Now by my þryft quod he þat shal be sene.
For syn ye make þis ensample of me. 872
If I al nyght walde hym in sorwe se.
For al þe tresour yn þe town of Troye.
I bidde god I neuere mot haue Ioye. 875

(126)

Now loke þanne yf ye þat ben his loue. [leaf 43, back] 876
Shul putte al nyght his lyf in Iupartie.
For þing of nought now by þat god a-boue.
Nought only þis delay cometh of folye. 879
But of malis. if þat I shal nought lye.
what platly and ye suffre hym in distresse.
Ye neyþer bounte don ne gentilesse. 882

(127)

Quod þo Criseyde wole ye don o þing. 883
And ye þerwith shal stynte al his disese.
Haue here and bereth hym þis blewe rynge.
For þere is no þing myght hym bettre plese. 886
Saue I my self. ne bettre his herte a-pese.
And sey my dere herte þat his sorwe.
Is causeles þat shal ben sene to morwe. 889

(124)

¶ And nece myne ne take nought agrief 862
If þat ȝe suffre hym alle nyght in þis wo
God help me so ȝe hadde hym neuere lief
þat dar I seyn now þere is but we two 865
But wel I woot þat ȝe wol nat do so
ȝe ben to wis to don so grete folye
To put his lief alle nyght in Iupartye 868

(125)

¶ Hadde I hym neuere lief by god I wene 869
ȝe hadde neuere thynge so lief quod she
Now bi my thrifte quod he þat shal be seene
For syn ȝe make þis ensaumple of me 872
If ich alle nyght wold hym in sorw se
For alle the tresour in þe town of troye
I bidde god I neuere mote haue Ioye 875

(126)

¶ Now loke þanne if ȝe ben his loue [leaf 43, back] 876
Shul putte his lief alle nyght in Iupartye
For thynge of nought now by þat god above
Nought oonly þis delay comth of folye 879
But of malice of þat I shal not lye
What platly and ȝe suffre hym in distresse
ȝe noither bounte don ne gentilnesse 882

(127)

¶ Quod she Criseyde wele ȝe don o thynge 883
And ȝe ther-with shal stynte alle his disese
Haue here and bereth hym þis blewe rynge
For ther is no thynge myght hym better plese 886
Saue I my self ne more his herte apese
And sey my dere herte þat his sorwe
Is causeles þat shal be seene to morwe 889

(124)

¶ And nece myn tak it not a gref [leaf 88, back] 862
ȝif ȝe suffre hym al nyȝt in þis wo
God helpe me so ȝe haddyn hym neuere lef
þat dar .I. seyn now þere is but we to 865
But .I. wot þat ȝe wil not don so
ȝe ben to wys to don swich folie
To pupe his lyf al nyȝt in iupartie 868

(125)

// Hadde I hym neuere lef bi god .I. wene 869
ne hadde .I. neuere þyng so lef quod sche
Now be myn þrift quod he þat schal be sene
ffor syþe ȝe make þis ensaumple by me 872
ȝif .I. al nyȝt wolde him in sorwe se
ffor al þe tresor in þe toun of troȝe
I preye to god neueremore haue .I. ioye 875

(126)

¶ Now loke [1]þan ȝif ȝe þat ben his loue [1 þa corrected] 876
Scholde put al nyȝt his lif in iupardye
ffor þyng of nouȝt now be þe god a-boue
Nouȝt onli þis delay comyth of folye 879
But of malice ȝif .I. schulde not lye
What platly & ȝe suffere him in distresse[2] [2 strouse corrective]
ȝe neyþer bounte don ne gentilnesse 882

(127)

Quod Crisseyde wil ȝe don on þyng 883
And ȝe þerwith schal styntyn his disese
Haue here & bere him þis blowe ryng
ffor þere is noþyng myȝte him betere plese 886
Saue .I. myn self ne more his herte a-pese
And sey myn dere herte þat his sorwe
Is nedeles it schal be sene to morwe 889

(128)

A ryng quod he. ye haselwodes shaken. 890
Ye Nece myne þat ryng moste han a ston.
þat myhte a dede man a-lyue maken.
And swych a ryng I trowe þat ye haue non. 893
Discrecioun out of youre hed is gon.
That fele I now quod he and þat is rouþe.
O tyme y-lost wel maystow cursen slouþe. 896

(129)

Wot ye not wel þat noble and heigh corage. 897
Ne sorweth not ne stenteth ek for lyte.
But yf a fol were in a Ialous rage.
I nold not sette at his sorwe a myte. 900
But feffe hym with a fewe wordes white.
A-nother day whan þat I myght hym fynde.
But þis þing stont al in a noþer kynde. 903

(130)

This is so gentil and so tender of herte. 904
That with his deth he wole his sorwes wreke.
For trusteth wel how sore þat hym smerte.
He wole to yow no Ialouse wordes speke. 907
And for-þi nece er þat his herte breke.
To speke youre self to him. of þis matere.
For with o word ye may his herte stere. 910

(131)

Now haue I told what peril he is Inne. [leaf 56] 911
And his comyng vnwyst is to euery wyght.
Ne parde harm may þere be non ne synne.
I wol my self be with yow al þis nyght. 914
Ye knowe ek how it is youre owne knyght.
And þat by right ye moste vpon hym triste.
And I at prest to fecche hym whan yow lyste. 917

(128)

¶ A rynge quod he ȝe haselwodes shaken 890
ȝe nece myne þat rygh most han a stoone
þat myght dede men a-lyue maken
And swich a ryngе trow I þat ȝe haue noon 893
Discrecion oute of ȝoure hed is gon
þat fele I now quod he and þat is routhe
O tyme I-lost wel maystow corsen slouthe 896

(129)

¶ Whoot ȝe not welo þat noble and heigh corage 897
Ne seweth nought ne stynteht ek for lite
But if a foole were in a Ialous rage
I nold setten at his sow a myte 900
But feffe hym with a fewe wordes whyte
A nother day when þat I myght hym fynde
But this thynge stante al in a nother kynde 903

(130)

¶ þis is so gentil and so tendre of herte 904
þat with his deth he wol his sorwes wroke
For trusteth wel how sore þat hym smerte
He wol to ȝowe no Ialous wordes speke 907
And for-thy nece er þat his herte breke
So spek ȝoure self to hym If þis matere
For with a worde ȝe may his herte steere 910

(131)

¶ Now haue I told what peril he is Inne 911
And his comynge vnwiste is tenery wight
Ne parde harm may þer be non ne synne
I wol my-self be with ȝow al þis nyghte 914
ȝe know ek how it is ȝoure owene knyght
And þat by right ȝe most vp on hym triste [? u *over* *first* e]
And I alle priat to fetthe hym when ȝow liste 917

(128)

¶ A ryng quod he ȝe haselwode is schake 890
ȝa nece myn þat ryng muste han a ston
þat myste dude men a-lyue makyn
And swich a ryng trowe .I. þat ȝe han non 893
Discrecioun out of ȝoure heuid is gon
þat fele .I. now quod he & þat is routhe
O tyme lost wel mayst þou cursyn slouthe 896

(129)

¶ Wot ȝe not wel þat nobele & hi corage [leaf 57] 897
Ne sorwith not ne styntiþ ek for lite
But ȝif a fol were in no ielous rage
I nolde sette at hise sorwis a myte 900
But feste him *with* a fewe wordis white
A noþer day whan þat I myȝte him fynde
But þis þyng stant al in a noþer kynde 903

(130)

// þis is so gentil & so tendir of herte 904
þat *with* his deþ he wele his sorwis wreke
ffor trostyþ wel how sorwe þat him smerte
He wele to ȝow no ielous wordis speke 907
And for þi nece or þat his herte breke
So speke ȝoure self to him of þis matere
ffor *with* a word ȝe may his herte stere 910

(131)

¶ Now haue I told what peril he is in 911
And his comyng vn-wist to euery wiȝt
And parde harm may here ben non ne syn
I wele myn self ben *with* ȝow al þis nyȝt 914
ȝe knowyn ek how he is ȝoure owene knyȝt
And þat by ryȝt ȝe muste vp-on him tr[illegible]
And .I. al prest to feche him whan ȝow lest 917

(132)

This accident so petous was to here. 918
And ek so lyk a soth at pryme face.
And Troylus hire knyght to hire so dere.
His preue comyng and þe siker place. 921
That ough þat she dide hym as þanne a grace.
Considered alle þinges as þey stode.
No wonder is. syn she dide al for gode. 924

(133)

Cryseyde answered as wysly god at reste. 925
My sowle brynge. as me is for hym wo.
And Em y-wys fayn wolde I do þe beste.
Yf þat I hadde grace for to do so. 928
But wheþer þat ȝe dwelle or for hym go.
I am til god me bettre mynde sende.
A[1] dulcarnon right at my wittes ende. [1 *Read*, At] 931

(134)

Quod Pandarus ȝa Nece wol ye here. 932
Dulcarnon called is flemyng of wrecches.
It semeth hard for wrecches wol not lere.
For verray slouþe and oþere wilful tacches. 935
This seyd by hym þat is not worth two facches.
But ȝe ben wys and þat we han on honde.
Nis neiþer hard ne skylful to withstonde. 938

(135)

Thanne Em *quod she doth her-of as yow lyst.* 939
But er he come I wil vp first aryse.
And for þe loue of god syn al my trist.
Is on yow two. and ye ben bope wyse. 942
So wyrcheth now in so discret a wyse.
That I honour may haue and he plesaunce.
For I am here al yn youre gouernaunce. 945

(132)

¶ þis accident so pitous was to *here* [Perf. ed.] 918
And ek so *like* a soth at pryme face
And Troilus hire knyght to *hire* so dere
His *prime* comyng and þe seker place 921
þat though þat she dide hym as þanne a grace
Considered alle thynges as they stode
No wonder is syn she dide alle for goode 924

(133)

¶ Criseyde answerede as wysly god at reste 925
My soule brynge as me is *for* hym wo
And Em I-wis fayn wold I don þe beste
If þat ich grace had for to do so 928
But wheter þat ȝe dwel or for hym go
I am til god me bettore mynde sende
A dulcarnon right at my wittes ende 931

(134)

¶ Quod Pandarus ȝa nece wel ȝe here 932
Dulcarnon called is flemynge of wriches
It semeth hard for wreches wol nought lere
For verray slouthe or other wilful teeches 935
þis seyde bi *hem* þat ben nought worth two facches
But ȝe ben wis and þat we han on honde
Nis neither harde ne skylful to withstonde 938

(135)

¶ þanne Em quod she doth here-of as ȝow liste 939
But or he come I wol vp firste a-rise
And for þe loue of god seyn al my triste
Is on ȝow two and ȝe ben bothe wise 942
So werketh now in so discrete a wyse
þat I honour may haue and he plesaunce
For I am here alle in ȝoure gouernaunce 945

(132)

// þis accident so petous was to here 918
And ek so lik a soþ at prime face
And troilus hire knyȝt *to here* so dere
His *prime comyng & þe sekir* place 921
þat pow þat sche *dede hire* as þo a grace
Considerid alle þyngis as þei stode
No wondir is / *for* sche dede al *for* gode 924

(133)

¶ Crisseide answerede as wisli god at reste 925
Myn sorwyn brynge as me is for *him* wo
And Em I-wis fayn wolde I don þe beste
ȝif þat I hadde to don so 928
But whedyr þat ȝe dwelle or *from hym* go
I am til god me betire mynde sende
At dulcarnoun ryȝt at myn wittis ende 931

(134)

¶ Quod Pandarus ȝa nece wele ȝe here [Perf. ed., Ln. 932
Dulcarnoun clepid is flemyng of wrechis
It semyþ hard for wrechis nil it lere
ffor veray slouthe & oþere wilful techis 935
þis seyd bi *hem* þat ben not worþ to ffechis
But ȝe ben wis & þat ȝe han on honde
Nis ney*þer* hard ne skilful to *with*-stonde 938

(135)

// þanne em quod sche doþ ryȝt as ȝow list 939
But or he come I wele vp fyrst a-ryse
And for þe loue of god sitte al myn trist
Is on ȝow to & ȝe ben bope wise 942
So werchiþ now in so discret a wise
þat I honour may haue & he plesaunce
ffor I am here as in *ȝoure* gouernaunce 945

(136)

That is wel seyd quod he my nece dere. [leaf 56, back] 946
That thryft on þat wyse gentil herte.
But liggeth stille. and taketh hym ryght here.
It nedeth not no ferþere for hym sterte. 949
And eche of yow ese oþeres sorwes smerte.
For loue of god. and Venus I þe herye.
For soone hope I we shulle ben alle merye. 952

(137) [*Not in Harl.* 1239.]

This Troylus ful sone on knes hym sette. 953
Ful sobrely ryght by here beddes hede.
And yn his beste wyse his lady grette.
But lord so she wax sodeynlych red. 956
Ne þough men sholden smyten of here hed.
She kowde nought a word a-ryght out brynge.
So sodeynly. for his sodeyn comynge. 959

(138)

But Pandarus þat so wel koude fele. 960
In euery thyng to pleye a-noon by-gan.
And seyde Nece se how this lord kan knele.
Now for youre trouþe seth þis gentil man. 963
And with þat word he for a quysshon ran.
And seyde kneleth now whil þat yow lyste.
There god youre hertes brynge soone at reste. 966

(139)

Kan I not seyn. for she bad hym not ryse. 967
If sorwe it put out of here remembraunce.
Or elles yf she toke it in þe wyse.
Of duete. as for his obseruaunce. 970
But wel fynde I she dide hym þis plesaunce.
That she hym kyste al-þough she siked sore.
And bad hym sytte a-down with-owten more. 973

(136)

¶ This is wel seyde quod he my nece deere 946
þer good thrift on þat wise gentil herte
But liggeth stille and taketh hym right here
It nedeth nought no ferther for hym sterte 949
And ech of ȝow eseth otheres sorwes smerte
For love of god and venus I þe herye
For soon hope I we shul ben al merye 952

(137)

¶ This Troilus ful soone on knowes hym sette 953
Ful sobrely right by hire beddes hed
And in his beste wise his lady grette
But lord what she wex sodeynlyche rede 956
Ne though men sholde smythen of hire hed
She koude nought a word right out brynge
So sodeynly for his sodeyn comynge 959

(138)

¶ But Pandarus þat so wel koude feele [leaf 46, back] 960
In euery thynge to pleye a-non biganne
And seyde nece se how þis lord knele
Now for ȝoure trouthe se this gentil man 963
And with þat worde he for a quysshen ran
And seyde kneleth now whil þat ȝow liste
Ther god ȝoure hertes brynge soone at reste 966

(139)

¶ Kan I nought seyn for she bad hym nought rise 967
If sorw it putte oute of hire remembraunce
Or elles þat she toke it in þe wyse
Of dwete as for his obseruaunce 970
But wel fynde I she did hym þis plesaunce
þat she hym kyste although she siked soore
And bad him sitte adown with-outen more 973

(136)

¶ þis is wel seid quod he myn necece dere 946
þere good þrift on þat gentil wise herte
But lith riȝt stile & takiþ him riȝt here
It nediþ not no ferþere for him sterte 949
And eche of ȝow is oþeris sorwe smerte
ffor loue of god & venus .I. þe herie
ffor sone hope .I. we schuln ben alle merie 952

(137)

// þis troilus on kneis sone him sette 953
fful sobirli ryȝt by hire beddis hede
And in his beste wise his ladi grette
But lord so sche wex sodeynli rede 956
[*blank line in the MS.*]
Sche coude not a word a-ryȝt out brynge
So sodeynli for his sodeyn comynge 959

(138)

¶ But pandarus þat so wel coude fele 960
In euery þyng to plese a-non be-gan
And seide nece how wel lord can he knele
Now for ȝoure trouthe sey ȝone gentil man 963
And with þat word he for a qwischin ran
And seide kneliþ now whil þat ȝou lyst
þere god ȝoure hertis brynge sone at rest 966

(139)

¶ Can .I. not seyn for sche bad him not rise [leaf 68] 967
ȝif sorwe hire putte out of here remembrance
Or ell þat sche tok it in þe wise
Of deynte as for his obseruance 970
But wel fynde .I. sche dede him displesaunce
þat sche him kist al-þow sche sikyd sore
And bad sitte doun with-outyn more 973

(140)

Quod Pandarus now wol ye wel by-gynne. 974
Now doth hym sitte now gode Nece dere.
Vpon youre beddes side þere with-Inne.
That eche of yow þe bet may oþer here. 977
And with þat word he drow hym to þe fyre.
And tok a lyght and fond his contenaunce.
As for to loken vp-on an old romaunce. 980

(141)

Criseyde that was Troylus lady right. [lest 57] 981
And cler stod on a ground of sykernesse.
Al þoughte she here seruaunt and hire knyghte.
Ne shulde of right noon vntrouþe in here gesse. 984
Yet naþeles considered his distresse.
And þat loue is in cause of swych folye.
Thus to hym spak she of his Ielousye. 987

(142)

Lo herte myn as wolde þe excellence. 988
Of loue. a-yeyns þe which þat no man may.
Ne oughte ek goudly make resistence.
And ek by-cause I felte wel and say. 991
Youre grete trouþe and seruyse euery day.
And þat yowre herte al myn was soth to seyne.
This drof me first to rewe vp-on yowre peyne. 994

(143)

And youre goodnesse haue I founden alwey yet. 995
Of whiche my dere herte and al my knyght.
I þonke it yow as fer as I haue wit.
Al kan I nought as muche as it were right. 998
And I emforthe my konnynge and my myght.
Haue and ay shal how sore þat me smerte.
Ben to yow trewe. and hol with al myn herte. 1001

(140)

¶ Quod Pandarus now wol ȝe wel bygynne 974
Now doth hym sitte good nece deere
Vp on ȝoure beddes syde al þer with-Inne
þat ech of ȝow þe bette may other here 977
And with þat word he drew hym to þe fere
And took a light and fonde his contenaunce
as for to looke vp an old romaunce 980

(141)

¶ Criseyde þat was Troilus lady righte 981
And clere stoode on a grounde of sikernesse
Al though he hire seruaunt and hire knyghte
Ne shold of right non vntrouth in hire gesse 984
ȝet natheles considered his distresse
And þat loue is in cause of swich folye
þus to hym spake she of his Ialousye 987

(142)

¶ Lo herte myne as wold the excellence 988
Of loue / aȝenis þe whiche þat noman may
Ne aught ek goodly maken resistence
And ek by-cause I felte wel and say 991
ȝoure grete trouthe and seruyse euery day
And that ȝoure herte al myn was soth to seyne
þis drofe me for to rew vp-on ȝoure peyne 994

(143)

¶ And ȝoure goodenesse haue I founden alway ȝet 995
Of which my dere herte and al my knyght
I thonke it ȝow as fer as I haue witte
Al kan I nought as muche as it were right 998
and I emforth my konnynge and my myght
Haue and ay shal how soore þat me smerte
Ben to ȝow trew and hool with al myn herte 1001

(140)

// Quod pandar*us* now wil ȝe wel beginne 974
Now doþ hi*m* sitte goode nece dere
Vp-on ȝoure beddis side al þ*ere* w*ith*-inne
þ*at* ech of ȝow may þ^e bet oþ*er* here 977
And w*ith* þ*at* word he drow hi*m* to þe fere
And tok a lyȝt & fond his cuntenaunce
As for to loke vp-on an old roma*n*ce 980

(141)

¶ Cresseide þ*at* was troilus ladi riȝt 981
And cler stod on a grou*n*d of sekirnesse
Al þouȝte sche hire seruaunt & hire knyȝt
Ne schulde of ryȝt non on-treuthe in hire gesse 984
ȝit neu*er*-þeles considerid his distresse
And þ*at* loue is cause of swich folie
þus to hi*m* spak sche of þis Ielusie 987

(142)

// Lo herte myn as wolde þe excellence 988
Of loue a-ȝenys þ^e whiche no wiȝt may
Ne auȝte ek goodli maki*n* resistence
And ek be cause I felte wel & say 991
ȝoure grete treuthe & seruyse eu*er*yday
And þ*at* ȝoure herte al my*n* were soþ to seyne
þis drof me to rewe vp-on ȝo*ure* peyne 994

(143)

¶ And ȝoure goodnesse haue I founde*n* alwey ȝite 995
Of which my*n* dere herte & al my*n* knyȝt
I þanke it ȝow as fer as I haue wite
Al .I. can not þanke so meche as it were riȝt 998
And .I. em for my*n* knowynge & my*n* myȝt
Haue & haue schal how sore I smert
Ben to ȝow trewe & hel w*ith* al myn myȝt 1001

(144)

And dredles þat shal be founde at preue. 1002
But herte myn what al þis is to seyn.
Shal wel be told so þat ye yow not greue.
Though I to yow right on yow self compleyne. 1005
For þer-with mene I fynally þe peyne.
That halt youre herte and myn in heuynesse.
Fully to slen and euery wrong redresse. 1008

(145)

My goode loue[1] **not I for whi ne how.** [1 loue, *corrected*] 1009
That Ialousye. allas. þat wikkede wyuere.
Thus causeles is cropen in-to yow.
The harm of which I wolde fayn delyuere. 1012
Allas þat he al hool or of hym slyuere.
Shuld haue his refuyt in so digne a place.
Ther Ioue soone oute of youre herte hym rase. 1015

(146)

But .o. þow Ioue .o. Auctor of nature. [leaf 57, back] 1016
Is þis an honour to þi deite.
That folk vngiltyf. suffren here Iniure.
And who þat gyltyf is al quyt goth he. 1019
O were it leful þat I pleyne of þe.
That vndeserued suffrest Ialousie.
And þat I wolde on þe pleyne and crye. 1022

(147)

Ek al my wo is þis þat folk now vsen. 1023
To seyn right þus. ye Ialousye is loue.
And wolde a buschel venym al excusen.
For þat o greyn of loue is on it shoue. 1026
But þat wot heighe god þat sit a-boue.
If it be liker loue / or hate or grame.
And after þat it oughte to bere his name. 1029

(144)

¶ And dredeles þat shal ben founde at preue [leaf 47] 1002
But herte myne what al þis is to seyne
Shal wel be tolde so that ȝe nought[1] ȝow greue [1 *a later*] 1005
Though I to ȝow right[1] on ȝoure self compleyne
For þer-with mene I fynaly þe peyne
þat halt ȝoure hert and myn in heuynesse
Fully to slen and euery wronge redresse 1008

(145)

¶ My good myn not I for why ne how 1009
That Ialousye allas þat wikked wyuere
þus causeles is cropin in-to ȝow
þe harm of which I wold fayn deliuere 1012
Allas þat he al hool or of hym slyuere
Shold han his refuyt in so digne a place
þer Ioue hym soone oute of ȝoure herte arace 1015

(146)

¶ But o thow Ioue o auctour of nature 1016
Is þis an honour to thy deyte[1] [1 *te corrected*]
þat folk vngiltif suffre hire Iniure
And who þat giltif is al quyte goth he 1019
O were it leful for to pleyn on the
þat vndeseruyd suffrest Ialousye
Of þat I wolde vp-on þe pleyne and crye 1022

(147)

¶ Ek al my wo is þis þat folk now vsen 1023
To seyn right þus ȝe Ialousye is loue
And wold a bushel venym al excusen
For þat o greyn of loue is on it shoue 1026
But þat woot heigh god þat is a-boue
If it be liker loue or hate or grame
And efter þat it ought bere his name 1029

(144)

¶ And dredeles þat schal be founde a preue [fol. 68, bk.] 1002
But herte myn what is þis to seyne
Schal wel be told so þat ȝe not ȝow greue
þow I to ȝow ryȝt on ȝoure self compleyne 1005
ffor *þerwith* mene .I. finally þe peyne
þat holdyþ ȝoure herte & myn in heuynesse
ffulfil to slen & euery wrong redresse 1008

(145)

// Myn goode myn not I for whi ne how 1009
þat ielousie allas þat wikede wiuere
þus causeles is cropin in to ȝow
þe harm of which I wolde fayn deliuere 1012
Allas þat he al hol or of *him* slyuere
Schulde han here refut in so digne a place
þere Ioue him sone out of ȝoure herte a-race 1015

(146)

¶ But o þou Ioue o autour of nature 1016
Is þis an honour to þyn deytee
þat folk ongilti suffere here Iniure
And ho at giltif is al quit goþ he 1019
O were it lefful for to pleyne on þe
þat ondeseruyd suffered ielosye
ffor þat I wolde vp-on þe pleyne & crye 1022

(147)

// Ek al myn wo is þis þat folk ne vsyn 1023
To seyn rit þus ȝe ielousie is loue
And woldyn a beschop venym al excusyn
ffor þat on greyn of loue is in it schoue 1026
But þat wot I by god þat sit a-boue
ȝif it be likere loue or hate or grame
And aftyr þat it auȝte to bere his name 1029

(148)

But certeyn is som manere Ialousye. 1030
Is excusable more þan som I-wys.
And whanne cause is & somme swych fantasye.
with pite so wel repressed is. 1033
That it vnneþe doth or seyth amys.
But goodly drynketh vp al his distresse.
And þat excuse I for þe gentilesse. 1036

(149)

And some so ful of furye is and despit. 1037
That it sourmounteth his repressioun.
But herte myn ye be not in þat plyt.
That þanke I god for whiche yowr passioun. [? *faster*] 1040
I wol not calle it but illusioun.
Of habundaunce of loue and bysy cure.
That doth youre herte þis dishese endure. 1043

(150)

Of which I am right sory but not wroth. 1044
But for my deuoir and youre hertes reste.
wher so yow lyste by ordal or by oth.
By sort or in what wyse so yow lyste. 1047
For loue of god lat preue it for þe beste.
And yf þat I be gyltyf do me deye.
Allas what myght I more do or seye. 1050

(151)

With that a fewe bryghte terys newe. [*last 3 lines*] 1051
Out of here eyen fille and þus she seyde.
Now god þow woost in þought ne dede vntrewe.
To Troylus was neuere yet Criseyde. 1054
With þat here hed in to þe bed down she leyde.
And with the shete it wreygh and sighed sore.
And held here pes / not o word spak she more. 1057

(148)

¶ But certeyn is som manere Ialousye 1030
Is excusable more þanne som I-wis
As when cause is and som swich fantasie
which piete so wele repressed is 1033
þat it vnneth doth or seyth amys
But goodly drynketh vp al his distresse
And þat excuse I for þe gentilesse 1036

(149)

¶ And som so ful of furie is and despite 1037
þat it surmountheth his repression
But hert myn ȝe be not in þat plite
þat thonke I god for which youre passion 1040
I wol nought calle it but illusioun
Of abundaunce of loue and bisy cure
þat doth youre herte þis disese endure 1043

(150)

¶ Of which I am right sory but nough wroth [*l* 47, *last*] 1044
But for my deuoure and youre hertes reste
Where so ȝow list be ordal or by ooth
By sort or in what wyse so ȝow leste 1047
For loue of god lat preue it for þe beste
And if þat be gilty do me deye
Allas what myght I more don or seyne 1050

(151)

¶ withꝺ þat a few bryght teres newe 1051
Oute of hire eighen fille and þus she seyde
Now god thow woost in thought ne dede vntrewe
To Troilus / was neuere ȝet Criseyde 1054
with þat hire hed down in þe bed she layde
And with þe shete it wreigh and sight soore
And held hire pees nought a word spak she more 1057

(148)

¶ But certeyn þere is sum maner Ielousie 1030
Is excusable more þan sum I-wis
As what cause is & sum swich fantasie
With pete so wel repressed is 1033
þat it oneþe doþ or seyth a-mys
But goodli drinkyþ vp al his distresse
And þat excuse I for þe gentilnesse 1036

(149)

¶ And sum so ful of furie is & dispit [*last on*] 1037
þat it surmountyþ his represcioun
But herte myn ȝe be not in þat plite
þat þanke I god for which ȝoure passioun 1040
I wele not clepe it but illusioun
Os abundaunce of loue & besi cure
þat doþ ȝoure herte þis disese endure 1043

(150)

// Of which I am ful sori but not wroþ 1044
But for ȝoure deuer & ȝoure herteis reste
Whe*þ*er ȝe wolde be ordel or be oþ
By sort or in what wise þat ȝow liste 1047
ffor loue of god let preue it for þ̄ beste
And ȝif þat I be giltyf do me deye
Allas what myȝte I more don or seye 1050

(151)

¶ With þat a fewe bright teris newe 1051
Out of hire eyȝin fellyn & þus schrewside
Now god þou wost in þoust ne drede ontrewe
To troilus was neuere ȝit crisseide 1054
With þat hire hed doun in þe bed leche leyde
And with þe schete it wriȝ & sikede sore
And held hire pes not on wod spak sche more 1057

(152)

But now help god to quenchen al þis sorwe. 1058
So hope I þat he shal for he best may.
For I haue seyn of ful mysty morwe.
Folwen ful ofte a merye someres day. 1061
And after wynter folweth grene may.
Men sen alday and reden ek in storyes.
That after sharpe shoures ben victories. 1064

(153) (Chaucer 'corrected out' Bl. 153—160. Manf. 1279 leaf 20, col. 1, & 2292 leaf 71, back, three cols.)

This Troylus whan he here wordes herde. 1065
Haue ye no care hym lyst not to slepe.
For it þoughte hym no strokes of yerde.
To here or sen Crisseyde his lady wepe. 1068
But wel he felte a-boute his herte crepe.
For euery teer which þat Criseyde a-sterte.
The crampe of deth to streyne hym by þe herte. 1071

(154)

And in his mynde he gan þe tyme a-corse. 1072
That he cam þere / and þat he was born.
For now is wykke I-turned vn-to worse.
And al þe labour he hath don by-forn. 1075
He wend it lost he þoughte he nas but lorn.
O Pandarus þoughte he allas þi wyle.
Serueth of nought so wel-awey þe while. 1078

(155)

And þer-with-al he heng a-down þe hed. 1079
And fil on knes and sorwfully he sighte.
what myght he seyn he felte he nas but ded.
For wroth was she þat shulde his sorwes lyghte. 1082
But nabeles whanne þat he speken myghte.
Than seyde he þus god wot þat of þis game.
whan al is wyst / þan am I not to blame. 1085

(152)

¶ But now helpe god to quenchen al þis sorwe 1058
So hope þat he shal for he best may
For I haue seyn of a ful mysty morwe
Folliwen ful oft a merye someres day 1061
And eftet wynter folweth grene may
Men sen alday and reden ek in storyes
þat efter sharpe shoures ben victories 1064

(153)

¶ This Troilus when he hire wordes herde 1065
Haue ze no care hym list nought to slepe
For it thought hym no strokes of a zerde
To here or sen Crisseyde his lady wepe 1068
But wel he felte aboute his herte crepe
For euery tere which þat criseyde a-sterte
þe craumpe of deth to streyne hym by þe herte 1071

(154)

¶ And in his mynde he gan þe tyme acorse 1072
þat he com þer and þat he was born
For now is wikked torned in-to worse
Lord al þat labour he hath don biforne 1075
He wende it lost he þought he nas but lorne
O Pandarus thought he allas þi wile
Serueth of nought so walawey þe while 1078

(155)

¶ And ther-with-al he henge a-down þe hed 1079
And felle on knesse and sorwfully he sighte
what myght he seyn he felt he was but dede
For wroth was she þat shold his sorwes lighte 1082
But nathelss when þat he speken myght
Than seyde he þus god woot þat of þis game
when al is wiste þan am I nought to blame 1085

(152)

// But now help god to quenchin al þis sorwe 1058
So hope I þat he schal for he best may
ffor I haue sen of a ful mysti morwe
ffolwyn ful ofte a merie *someris* day 1061
And aftyr wyntyr folwyþ grene may
ffolk sen alday & redyn ok in *storijs*
þat aftyr scharpe schouris ben victorijs 1064

(153)

¶ þis Troylus whan he þese wordis herde 1065
Haue ze no care him liste not to slepe
Ek it þouste *him* þ' strokis of a zerde
To heryn or sen Crisseide his ladi wepe 1068
But wel he felt a-boute his herte crepe
ffor euery tere which þat Crisseide a-sterte
þe crampe of deþ so streyneþ *him* bi þe herte 1071

(154)

¶ And in his mynde he gan þe tyme acorse [first, bis] 1072
þat he come þere or þat he was borne
ffor now is *[illegible]* like turnede in to wers [illegible by corrector]
And al þat labour þat he hap don a-forene 1075
He wende it lost he þouste he was forlorne
O Pandarus he þouste allas þe while
Seruyþ of nouȝt so welleawoy þ' while 1078

(155)

// And *þerwithal* he heng a-doun his hed 1079
And fel on kneis & sorwefulli he *syȝt*
What myȝte he seyn he felte he nas but ded
ffor wroþ was he þat schulde his dayes lyst 1082
But nabeles whan he speke myȝt
þus seide he god wot ȝit of þis game
Whan al is wist ȝit am I not to blame 1085

(156)

Ther-with þe sorwe so his herte shette. [leaf 58, back] 1086
That from his eighen fil þere not a tere.
And euery spirit his vigour yn knette.
So þey a-stoned & oppressed were. 1089
The felyng of his sorwe or of his fere.
Or of ought elles. fled was out of towne.
And doun he fel al sodeynly a swowne. 1092

(157)

This was no litel sorwe for to se. 1093
For al was hust and Pandare vp as faste.
O Nece pes or we be lost quod he.
Buth nought[1] a-gast. but certeyn at þe laste. [1 t later] 1096
For þis or þat. he hym in-to bedde caste.
And seyde o thef is þis a mannes herte.
And of he rente al / to his bare sherte. 1099

(158)

And seyde Nece but ye helpe vs now. 1100
Allas yowre owne Troylus is lorn.
I-wys so wolde I and I wiste how.
Ful fayn quod she allas þat I was born. 1103
Ye Nece wole ye pulle out þe þorn.
That stiketh in his herte quod Pandare.
Sey al for-yeue and stynt is al þis fare. 1106

(159)

Ye þat to me quod she ful leuere were. 1107
Than al þe good þe sonne a-boute goth. [goth, much later]
And ther-with-al she swor hym in his ere.
I-wis my dere herte I am nought wroth. 1110
Haue here my trouþe and many a noþer oth.
Now spek to me. for it am I Cryseyde.
But al for nought / yet myght he no a-breyde. 1113

(156)

¶ Ther-with þe sorwe so his herte shette 1086
Þat from his eyen felle þar nought a tere
And euery spirit is vigour in knette
So they astoned or oppressed were 1089
Þe felynge of his sorwe or of his feere
Or of aught elles fled were out of towne
And down he fel al sodeynly a-swoune 1092

(157)

¶ Þis was no litel sorwe for to se 1093
But al was hust and Pandare vp as faste
O nece pees or we be lost quod he
Beth nought agast but serteyn at þe laste 1096
For þis or þat he into bed hym caste
And seyde o thef is þis a mannes herte
And of he rente al to his bare sherte 1099

(158)

¶ And seyde nece but ȝe help vs now 1100
Allas ȝoure owene Troilus is lorne
I-wis so wold I and I wiste how
Ful fayn quod she allas þat I was borne 1103
Ȝe nece wille ȝe pulle oute þe thorne
Þat stikketh in his herte quod Pandare
Sey al for-ȝeuen and stynte al þis fare 1106

(159)

¶ Ȝe þat to me quod she ful leuere were 1107
Þanne al þe good þe sonne aboute goth
And ther-with-al she swor hym in his ere
I-wis my deere herte I am nought wroth 1110
haue here my trouthe and many a nother ath
Now spek to me for it am I Criseyde
But al for nought ȝet myght he nought abrayde 1113

(156)

¶ Þerwith for sorwe so his herte schette 1086
Þat from his eiȝin fellyn not a tere
And euery spirit his vigour in knette
So þey astonyed & opressede were 1089
Þe fyllyng of his sorwe or of his fere
Or ouȝt ell fled were out of tounne
And doun he fel al sodeynliche on swounne 1092

(157)

// Þis was non lityl sorwe for to se 1093
But al was hust for pandarus vp as faste
O nece pes or we ben lost quod he
Be not agast but serteynli at þe last 1096
ffor þis or þat he in-to bedde him cast
And seide o þef is þis a mannys herte
And of he rente al to his bare scherte 1099

(158)

// And seyde nece but ȝe helpe vs now 1100
Allas ȝoure troilus is lorn
I-wis so wolde I & I wiste how
fful fayn quod sche allas þat I was born 1103
Ȝa nece wil ȝe pullyn out þe þorn
Þat stikyþ in his herte quod pandare[1] [1 e corrected]
Sei al for-ȝoue & stynt is al þis fare 1106

(159)

¶ Ȝe þat to me leuere were [leaf 70] 1107
Þan al þe good þe sunne a-boute goþ
And þerwithal sche swor him in his ere
I-wis myn dere herte I am not wroþ 1110
Haue here myn treuthe & many an oþer oþ
Now speke to me for it am I crisseyde
But al for nowt ȝit myȝte he not a-broyde 1113

(160)

Therwith his pows and Pawmes of his hondes. 1114
They gan to frote. and wete his temples tweyne.
And for delyueren hym from bittre bondes.
She ofte hym kyste and shortly for to seyne. 1117
Hym to reuoken she dide al hire peyne.
And at þe laste. he gan his breth to drawe.
And of his swough sone after þat a-dawe. 1120

(161)

And bet gan mynde and reson to hym take. [leaf 59] 1121
But wonder sore he was abayst I-wys.
And with a syk whan he gan bet a-wake.
He seyde o mercy god what þing is þis. 1124
whi do ye with yowre seluen þus a-mys.
Quod þo Criseyde. is þis a mannes game.
what Troylus wol ye do þus for shame. 1127

(162)

And þer-with-al here arm ouer hym she leyde. 1128
And al for-yaf / and ofte tyme hym kyste.
He þonked here. and to hyr spak and seyde.
As fil to purpos for his hertes reste. 1131
And she to þat answered hym as hir lyste.
And with hire goodly wordes hym disporte.
She gan and ofte his sorwes to comforte. 1134

(163)

Quod Pandarus for ought[1] I kan espyen. [1 *later*] 1135
This lyght nor I ne seruen here of nought.
Lyght is not good for syke folkes eyen.
But for þe loue of god syn ye be brought. 1138
In þus good plit / lat now non heuy þought.
Ben hangynge in þe hertes of yow tweye.
And bar þe candele to þe chimeney. 1141

(160)

¶ þer-with his pous and pawmes of his hondes 1114
þei gan to frote and wete his temples tweyne
And to delyuer hym from bittre bondes
She oft hym kyste and shorthly for to seyne 1117
hym to reuoken she did al hire peyne
And at þe laste he gan his breth to drawe
And of his swough sone ofter þat dawe 1120

(161)

¶ And gan bet mynde and reson to hym take 1121
But wonder soore he was baiste I-wis
And *with* a syke when he gan awake
He seyde o mercy god what thynge is þis 1124
whi do with ȝoure seluen þus amys
Quod she Criseyde is þis a mannes game
What Troilus wol ȝe do þus for shame 1127

(162) [leaf 48, back]

¶ And ther-with-al hire arm ouere hym she layde 1128
And al for-ȝaf and of tyme hym kyssed
he thonked hire and to hire spak and seyde
As fil to *purpos* for his herte reste 1131
And she to þat answerde hym as hire leste
And with hire goodly wordes hym disporte
She gan // and oft his sorwes to conforte 1134

(163)

¶ Quod Pandarus for aught I kan aspien 1135
þis light nor I ne *seruen* here of nought
Light is nought goode for sike folk eyen
But for þe loue of god seyn ȝe ben broughte 1138
In þis goode plite lat now no heuy thought
Ben hangynge in þe hertes of ȝow tweye
And bar þe candele to þe chymeneye 1141

(160)

// *þerwith* his pouse & paumys of hise hondis 1114
þey gan to frote & wete his *tempelis* tweyne
And to delyuere hi*m* fro*m* bittere bondis
Sche ofte hy*m* kyst & schortely for to seyne 1117
Hy*m* to reuokyn sche dede al hire peyne
So at þe laste he gan his breþ to drawe
And of his swouȝ sone aftyr to dawe 1120

(161)

¶ And gan bet mynde & resou*n* to hi*m* take 1121
But wondir sore he was a-bayst I-wis
And *with* a sik wha*n* he bet to a-wake
He seide o merci god what þyng is þis 1124
Whi do ȝe *with* ȝoure seluyn þus a-mys
Quod þo crisseide is þis a mannys game
Wil Troilus don þus allas for schame 1127

(162)

// And *þerwith*al hire arm ou*er* hi*m* sche leyde 1128
And al for-ȝaf & ofty*n* tyme hi*m* kyste
He þankede hire & to hire spak & seyde
As fel to purpos for his hertis rest 1131
And sche to þat answerde hi*m* as sche lest
And *with* hire goodely wordis hi*m* disporte
Sche gan & ofte his sorwis to *comforte* 1134

(163)

// Quod pandar*us* for ouȝt I can espien 1135
þis liȝt ne I seruyn here of nouȝt
Lyȝt is not good for sike *follys* eyȝyn
But for þ^e loue of god siþ^e ȝe ben brouȝt 1138
In þis good plit lat now non heuy þouȝt
Ben hangynge in þ^e hertis of ȝow tweye
And bar his cardele to þ^e chemeneye 1141

(164)

Soone after þis þough it no nede were. 1142
whan she swych oþes as hire lyste deuyse.
Hadde of hym take / here þought þo no fere.
Ne cause ek non. to bidde hym þennes ryse. 1145
Yet lesse þing þan oþes may suffise.
In many a cas. for euery wyght I gesse.
That loueth wel meneth but gentilesse. 1148

(165)

But in effect she wolde wite a-noon. 1149
Of what man / and ek where and also why.
He Ielous was. syn þere was cause non.
And ek þe signe. þat he tok it by. 1152
She bad hym þat to telle here bysily.
Or elles certeyn she bar hym on honde.
That þis was don of malys hir to fonde. 1155

(166)

With-outen more shortly for to seyne. [leaf 59, back] 1156
He moste obeye vn-to his lady heste.
And for þe lasse harm he moste feyne.
He seyde here whanne she was at swych a feste. 1159
She myght on hym han loked at þe leste.
Not I not what al dere y-now a rysshe.
As he þat nedes moste a cause fysshe. 1162

(167)

And she answered swete al were it so. 1163
what harm was þat syn I noon yuel mene.
For by þat god þat bought vs boþe two.
In alle þynge is myn entente clene. 1166
Swych argumentz ne ben not worth a bene.
wol ye the chyldyssh Ialousye contrefete.
Now were worthy þat ye were y-bete. 1169

(164)

¶ Sone efter þis thought it no nede were 1142
when she swiche othes swor as hire list deuyse
Hadde of hym take hire thought tho no fere
Ne cause ek non to bidde hym thennes ryse 1145
ȝet lesse thynge þan othes may suffise
In many a cas for euery wight I gesse
þat loueth wel meneth but gentilnesse 1148

(165)

¶ But in afect she wold wyte anon 1149
Of what man / and ek where and also whi
he Ialous was / sen ther was cause non
And ek þe signe þat he toke it by 1152
Sho bad hym for to tel þat hire bisily
Or elles certein she bar hym on honde
þat þis was don of malice hire to fonde 1155

(166)

¶ With-outen more shortly for to seyne 1156
hym most obeye vn-to his lady liste
And for þe lesse harm he most feyne
He seyde hire when she was at swiche a feste 1159
She myght on hym han lokod at þe leste
Not I nought what aldeere ynough a ryshe
As he þat nedes most a cause fyshe 1162

(167)

¶ And she answarde swete al were it so 1163
With harm was þat seyn I non euele Imene
For by þat god þat bought vs bothe two
In al thynge is myn entente clene 1166
Swiche argumentȝ ne ben nought worth a beene
wol ȝe the childishe Ialous contrefete
Now were it worthy that ȝe were y-bette 1169

(164)

// Sone aftyr þis þow it no nede were 1142
Whan sche sweche oþis as hire leste deuyse
Hadde of hym take hire þouȝte þo no fere
Ne cause ek non to bidde him þene rise 1145
ȝit lasse þyng þan oþis may suffise
In many cas for euery whit I-gesse
þat louyþ menyþ but gentilnesse 1148

(165)

// But in effect sche wolde wete a-non 1149
Of what man & ek where & also why
He ielous was siþe þere was cause non
And ek þe signe þat he tok it bi 1152
þat bad sche to telle hire besili
Or ell serteyn sche bar him on honde
þat þis was don on maleys hire to fonde 1155

(166)

¶ With-oute more schorteli for to seyne 1156
He muste obeyȝe on-to his ladijs heste
And for þe lesse harm he muste feyne
He seyde hire whan sche was at swich a feste 1159
Sche myȝte on him a lokid at þe leste
Note I not what al þar I not [1] reche [1 1st e, was s]
As he þat nedis mot a cause fische[2] [2 isc corrected] 1162

(167)

// And sche answered him swete al were it so 1163
What harm was þat sithe I non euyl mene
ffor bi þat god wrowte vs boþe to
In alle þyng is myn entent clene 1166
Sweche argumentis ben not worþ a bene
Wil ȝe þe childis ielous countyrfete
Now were it worþi þat ȝe were bete 1169

(168)

Tho Troylus gan sorwfully to syke.
Lest she be wroth hym boughte his herte deyde.'
And seyde' allas vpon my sorwes syke.'
Haue mercy swete herte myn Cryseyde.
And yf þat in þo wordes þat *I* seyde.
Be ony wrong I wol no more trespace.
Do what yow lyst I am al-in youre grace.

(169)

And she answered of gilt myseriorde.
That is to seyn þat I for-yeue it þis.
And euere more on þis nyght yow recorde.
And beth wel war ye do no more amys.
Nay dere herte myn quod he I-wys.
And now quod she þat I haue do yow smerte.
For-yeue it me myn owene swete herte.

(170)

This Troilus *with* blysse of þat supprised.
Put al in goddes hond as he þat mente.
No þyng but wel / and sodeynly a-vysed.
He here in armes faste to hym hente.
And Pandarus with a ful good entente.
Leyd hym to slepe. and seyde yf ye ben wyse.
Swowneth not now lest more folk a-ryse.

(171)

What myght or may þe sely larke seye.
whan þat þe sparhauk hath it in his fote.
I kan no more but of þis ilke tweye.
To whom þis tale / sour be or swt,
Though þat I tarye a yer som tyme I mot.
After myn Auctor tellen here gladnesse.
As wel as I haue told here heuynesse.

(168)

¶ Tho Troilus gan sorwfully to syke
Leste she be wroth hym thought his herte deyede
And seyde allas vp-on my sorwes syke
haue mercy swete herte myn crisoyde
And if þat in tho wordes þat I seyde
Be any wronge I wol no more trespas
Do what yo liste I am al in youre grace

(169)

¶ And she answerde of gylte misericord
þat is to seyn / þat I for-yeue al this
And euere more on this lyght yow recorde
And beth wel war ye do nomore amyis
Nay deere herte myn quod he I-wis
And now quod she þat I haue don yow smerte
For-yeue it me myn swene swete herte

(170)

¶ This Troilus with blisse of þat supprise
Putte alle in goddes honde as he þat mente
No thyng but wel and sodeynly anysed
he hire in armes fast to hym hente
And Pandarus with a ful goode entente
layde hym to slepe and seyde If ye be wise
Swouneth nought now lest more folk arise

(171)

¶ what myght or may þe sely lark seye
when þat þe sparhauk hath hym in hire foot
I kan namore but of thise ilk tweye
To whom þis tale suere be or soot
Though þat I tarie a yer som tyme I mote
After myn auctor tellen hire gladnesse
as wel as I haue told hire heuynesse

(168)

¶ þo Troylus gan sorwefulli sike
Lest sche were wrop him þouste his her[t]e deiede
And seide allas vp-on myone sorwys sike
Haue merci swete herte myn Crisseyde
And þif þat in þo wordis þat I seyde
Be ony wrong I wele no more trespas
Seith what ze wil I am al in youre gras

(169)

¶ And sche answerede of gilt misericorde
þis is to say þat I for-þif al þis
And euermore of þis nyst þow recorde
And beþ wel war ze don nomore anys
Nay dere herte myn *quod* he I-wis
And now *quod* sche þat I haue don þow smerte
ffor-þif it me myn *quod* swete herte

(170)

// þis troylus *with* blisse of þat supp[r]isid
Put al in goddis hond as he þat ment
Noþyng but wel and sodeynli anysid
He hyre in armys faste to *him* hent
And Pandarus *with* a ful good entent
Leyde him to slepe and seyde þif ze ben wise
Swounyþ not now lest more folk a-ryse

(171)

// What myzte or may þe seli larke seye
Whan þat þ' sperehauk hap it in hire fote
I can no more but of þese like tweye
To whom þis tale seukere be or sote
ffor þow þat I tarie a þir sumtyme I mote
After myn autour tellyn hire gladnesse
Als wel as I haue told here heuynesse

(172)

Criseyde which þat felte here þus I-take. 1198
As writen clerkes in here bokes olde.
Right as an *Aspes lef* she gan to quake.
whan she hym felte here in armes folde. 1201
But Troylus al hool of cares colde.
Gan þanken the blysful goddes seuene.
Thus sondry peynes bryngen folk to heuene. 1204

(173)

This Troylus yn armes gan here streyne. 1205
And seyde o swete as euere mot I gon
Now be ye kaught. now is here but we tweyne.
Now yeldeth yow for oþer bote is noon. 1208
To þat Criseyde answered þus a-noon.
Ne hadde I er now my swete herte dere.
Ben yolden y-wys I were now not here. 1211

(174)

O soth is seyd that heled for to be. 1212
As of a feuere. or oþere gret syknesse.
Men moste drynke as men may often se.
Ful bittre drynk. and for to han gladnesse. 1215
Men drynken often peyne / and gret distresse.
I mene it here as for þis auenture.
That þourgh a peyne is founden al his cure. 1218

(175)

And now swetnesse semeth þe more swet. 1219
That bitternesse assayed was by-forn.
For out of wo in blysse now þey flete.
Non swych þey felten sith þat þey were born. 1222
Now is þis bet þan bope two be lorn.
For loue of god take euery womman hede.
To werken þus / yf it come to þe nede. 1225

(172)

¶ Criseyde which þat felt hire thus ytake 1198
as writen clerkes in hire bokes olde
Right as an aspes leef she gan to quake
when she hym felte hire in his armes folde 1201
But Troilus al hool of cares colde
Gan thonken tho þe blisful goddes seuene
þus sondry peynes bryngen folk in heuene 1204

(173)

¶ This Troilus in armes gan hire streyne 1205
And seyde swete as euere mot I gon
Now be ȝe caught new is ther but we tweyne
Now ȝeldeth ȝow for other boot is non 1208
To that Criseyde answerde thus a-non
Ne hadde I er now my swete herte deere
Ben ȝolde I-wis I were now nough here 1211

(174)

¶ O soth is seyde that heled for to be [leaf 49, back] 1212
as of a feuere or other grete syknesse
Men most drynke as men may oft se
Ful bittre drynke and for to han gladnesse 1215
Men drynken oft peynes and grete distresse
I mene it here as for this auenture
þat thorwgh a peyne hath fonden al his cure 1218

(175)

¶ And now swetnesse semeth more swete 1219
þat bitternesse assayde was by-forne
For oute of wo in blisse now they flete
Non swich they felten syn they were borne 1222
Now is this bet þanne both two be lorne
For loue of god take euery womman hede
To werken thus of it comyth to þe nede 1225

(172)

// Cresseide wich þat felte hire þus I-take 1198
As writyn[e] clelkis in here bokys olde
Ryȝt as an aspis lef she gan to quake
Whan sche hirn felte hire in hise armys folde 1201
And Troilus al hot of caris colde
Gan þynkyn þo þe bryȝte goddis seuene
þus sufferi Peynys bryngyn folk to heuene 1204

(173)

¶ þus troylus in his armys streyne hire gan 1205
And seyde o swete as euere mote .I. gon
Now ben ȝe caust now ben we but we tweyne
Now ȝildyþ ȝow for oþer bote is non 1208
To þat Crisseyde answerde þus a-non
Nad I or now myn swete herte dere[2]
Ben ȝolde I-wis .I.[1] were now not here [[1] *I corrected*] 1211

(174)

O soþ it is seyd þat helid for to be [leaf 71, back] 1212
As of a feuere or oþer gret seknesse
Men mustyn drynkyn as men may oftyn se
fful bittere drynk & for to haue gladnesse 1215
Men drynkyn ofte peyne & gretedistresse
I mene it here as for þis auenture
þat þour a peyne haþ foundyn al his cure 1218

(175)

// And now swetnesse semyþ more swete 1219
þat bittyrnesse asayed was be-forn
ffor out of wo in blisse now þey flete
Non swich þey feltyn sithe þey were borne 1222
[2]Now is this bet than bothe to ben lorn [[2–2] *by corrector*]
ffor loue of god tak *euery* woman heede[2]
To werkyn þus ȝif it come to þe node 1225

(176)

Criseyde al quyt from euery drede and tene. [If 60, 1b] 1226
As she þat Iust cause hadde hym to tryste.
Made hym swych feste / it Ioye was to sene.
whan she his trowþe and clene entent wyste. 1229
And as a-bowte a tre with many a twyste.
Bytrent and wryþe the soote wode bynde.
Gan eche of hem in armes oþer wynde. 1232

(177)

And as þe newe a-bayssched Nyghtyngale. 1233
That stynteth first whan she gynneth to synge.
whan þat she hereth any herde tale.
Or in þe hegges ony wight sterynge. 1236
And after syker doth here voys out rynge.
Right so Criseyd whan here drede stynte.
Opened here herte and told hym here entente. 1239

(178)

And right as he þat seth his deth is shapen. 1240
And deye mot in out þat he may gysse.
And sodeynly rescous doth hym escapen.
And from his deth is brought yn sykernesse. 1243
For alle þis word yn swych present gladnesse.
was Troylus and hath his lady swete.
with worse hap god lat vs neuere mete. 1246

(179)

Here armes smale he[r] streyght[e] bak and softe. 1247
Her sydes longe. fleyshly smoþe and white.
He gan to stroke and good thryft bad ful ofte.
Here snowyssh þrote. here brestes rounde and lyte. 1250
Thus yn this [heuene] he gan hym delyte.
And þer with al a þowsand tyme here kyste.
That what to done for Ioye vnneþe he wyste. 1253

(176)

¶ Criseyde al quyt from euery drede and teene 1226
As she þat Iuste cause hadde hym to triste
Made hym swich feste it Ioie was to seene
When she his trouthe and clene entente wiste 1229
And as aboute a tre with many a twiste
Bytrent and writhe þe soote wonbynde
Gan ich of hem in armes other wynde 1232

(177)

¶ And as þe new abaysed nyghtyngale 1233
þat stynteth first when bygynneth synge
when þat she hereth any hard tale
Or in þe hegges any wight sterynge 1236
and efter syker doth hire vois oute rynge
Right so Criseyde when hire drede stente
Opned hire herte and told hym hire entente 1239

(178)

¶ And right as he þat seth his deth y-shapen 1240
And deyen mot in aught þat he may gesse
And sodeynly rescous doth hym escapen
And from his deth is brought in sykernesse 1243
For alle þis world in swich present gladnesse
was Troilus and hath his lady swete
witht vois hap god lat vs neuere mete 1246

(179)

¶ Hire armes smale hire streght bak and softe 1247
Her sydes longe flessly smothe[1] and white [1 h was first 4]
He gan to stroke and good thrifte bad ful ofte
Hire snowissh throte hire brestes rounde and lite 1250
þus in þis heuene he gan hym to delyte
And ther-with-al a thousand tyme hire kyste
þat what to don for Ioie vnneth he wyste 1253

(176)

¶ Crisseide al quit from euery drede & tene 1226
As sche þat iuste cause hade him to trist
Made him swich feste it ioye was to sene
Whan sche his trouthe & clene entent wist 1229
And as a-boute a tre with manye a twist
Be-trent & wryþe þ' sote wode bynde
Gan eche of hem in armys oþer wynde 1232

(177)

// And as þe newe abasschit nyȝtyngale 1233
þat styntyþ fyrst whan sche begynnyth synge
Whan sche herith ony herde tale
Or in þe heg ony wyȝt sterynge 1236
And aftyr sekyr doþ hire voys out rynge
Ryȝt so crisseyde whan hire dred stynte
Openid hire herte & tok him hire entente 1239

(178)

¶ And riht as he þat sey his deþ schape 1240
And deye mot in ouȝt þat he may gesse
And sodeynli rescous doþ him eschape
And from his deþ is brouȝt in sekirnes 1243
ffor al þis world in swich present gladnes
Was Troilus & haþ his ladi swete
With werse hap god let vs neuere mete 1246

(179)

¶ Hyre armys smale hire streyte bak & softe [leaf 72] 1247
Hire sidis longe fleschly sonoye & white
He gan to stroke & good þrif bad ful ofte
Hire snouwhite þrote hire bristis rounde & lite 1250
þus in his heuene he gan hym to delite
And þerwithal a þousent siþis hire kyste
þat what to done for ioye oneþe he wiste 1253

(180)

Thanne seyde he þus .o. loue .o. charite. 1254
Thi moder ek Citherea the swete.
After þi self next heried be she.
Venus mene I þe wel willy planete. 1257
And next þe Imeneus .I. the grete.
For nenere man was to yow goddes holde.
As I which ye han brought fro cares colde. 1260

(181)

Benygne loue thow holy bond of thynges. [leaf 41] 1261
who-so wole grace / and lyst þe nought honouren.
Lo his desir wole fle with-outen wynges.
For nodestow of bounte hem socouren. 1264
That seruen best and most alwey labouren.
Yet were al lost þat dar I wel seye certes.
But yf þi grace passed oure deseries. 1267

(182)

And for þow me þat lest kowde deserue. 1268
Of hem þat nombred be to þi grace.
Hast holpen þere I lykly was to sterue.
And me bistowed in so heygh a place. 1271
That þilke boundes may no blysse passe.
I kan no more but laude and reuerence.
Be to þy bounte and þin excellence. 1274

(183)

And þer-with-al Criseyde a-noon he kyste. 1275
Of which certeyn she felte no dishese.
And þus seyde he / now wolde god I wyste.
Myn herte swete. how I yow myghte plese. 1278
what man quod he was euere þus at ese.
As I ou whiche þe faireste and þe beste.
That euere I say deyneth here herte reste. 1281

(180)

¶ Than seyde be thus o loue o charge [leaf 36] 1254
þi moder ek Cythara the swete
After þi-self next heried be she
Venus mene I þe wel willy planete 1257
And next þat Imeneus I þe grete *Imeneus dicte nupciarum.*
For nenere man was to gow goddes holde
As I which ȝe han brought fro cares colde 1260

(181)

¶ Benigne loue thow holy hond of thynges 1261
who so wol grace and liste þe nought honouryn
Lo his desir wol fle with-outen wynges
For noldestow of bounte hem socouron 1264
þat seruen best and most alway labouron
ȝet were al lost þat dar I wel seyn certes
But of þi grace passed oure deseries 1267

(182)

¶ And for thow me þat leest koude disserue 1268
Of hem þat noumbred ben vn-to þi grace
Hast holpen / ther I likly was *to* sterue
And me bistowed in so heigh a place 1271
þat thilke boundes may no blisse pace
I kan namore but loude and reuerence
Be to thy bounte and thyn excellence 1274

(183)

¶ And ther-with-alle Criseyde anon he kyste 1275
Of which certeyn she felte no disese
And þus seyde he now wolde god I wiste
Myn herte swete how I ȝow nyght plcese 1278
What man quod he was euere this ateste
As I / in wiche þe fairest and þe beste
þat euere I sey deyneth hire herte reste 1281

(180)

// þan seyde he þus o loue o charite 1254
þyn modir ek citherea þe swet
Aftyr þyn self next heried be sche
þens in mene I þe wel willy planete 1257
And next þat þermeneus I þe grete
ffor nenere man was to ȝow god holde
As .I. wich ȝe han brouȝt from caris colde 1260

(181)

// Benygne loue þou holy bond of þyngis 1261
Who-so wele grace & leste þe not honouryn
Lo his desyr wele flen *with*-outyn wengis
ffor noldist þou of bounte hem socouryn 1264
þat seruyn best & most alwoy labouryn
ȝit were al lore þat dar I wel seyn sertis
But ȝif þyn grace passid oure desertis 1267

(182)

// And for þou me þat coupe lest deserue 1268
Of *hem* þat nounberde ben on-to þyn grace
Hast holpin þere .I. likly was to steruyn
And me ben I-stewid in so hi a plase 1271
þat ilke bondis may no blisse pase
I can no more but laude & reuerence
Be to þi bounte & þyn excellence 1274

(183)

// And þerwiþ-al Crisseyde a-non he kiste 1275
O which serteyn sche felte non disese
And þus seyde he now wolde god I woste
Myn herte swete how I ȝow myȝte plese 1278
What man *quod* he was euere þus at ese
As I on wich þ' fayreste & þe beste
þat euere I say deyny þ hire herte reste 1281

(184)

Here may men se þat mercy passeth ryght. 1282
The experience of þat is felt in me.
That am vnworthi to so swete a wyght.
But herte myn of youre benyngnite. 1285
So þenk þowgh þat I vnworthi be.
Yet mot I nede amenden in som wyse.
Right þourgh þe vertu of yowre heyghe seruyce. 1288

(185)

And for þe loue of god my lady dere. 1289
Syn god hath wrought me for þat I shal yow serue.
As þus I mene þat ye wole be my stere.
To do me lyue yf þat yow lyste or sterue. 1292
So techeth me how þat I ma[y] deserue.
Youre þank. so þurgh myn ignoraunce.
Ne do no þing þat yow be displesaunce. 1295

(186)

But certes fresshe wommanliche wyf. [leaf 61, back] 1296
This dar I seye / þat trouthe and diligence.
That shal ye fynde in me al my lyfe.
Ne I wole certeyn breken youre defence. 1299
And yf I do present or in absence.
For loue of god lat sle me wiþ þe dede.
If þat it lyke-to youre womanhede. 1302

(187)

I-wys quod she myn owne hertes lyst. 1303
My ground of ese. and al myn herte dere.
Graunt mercy / for on þat is al my trist.
But late vs falle a-wey fro þis matere. 1306
For it suffisith þis þat seyd is here.
And at o word with-outen repentaunce.
wel-come my knyght / my pes / my suffisaunce. 1309

(184)

¶ Her may men sen þat mercy passeth right 1282
þe experience of þat is felt in me
þat am vnworthy to so swete a wight
But hert myn of youre benignite 1285
So thynk / þat though þat I vnworthy be
ȝet mote I nede amenden in som wyse
Right thorugh vertu of ȝoure heigh seruyse 1288

(185)

¶ And for þe loue of god my lady dere 1289
Syn god hath wrought me for I shal ȝow serue
As þis I mene ȝe wol ȝe be my fere
To do me lyue If þat yow list or sterue 1292
So techeth me how þat I may disserue
ȝoure thonke / so þat I through myn ignoraunce
Ne do no thynge þat ȝow be displesaunce 1295

(186)

¶ For certes fresshe wommanliche wyf [leaf 58, back] 1296
þis dar I seye þat trouthe and diligence
þat shal ȝe fynden in me al my lyue
Ny wol certein breken ȝoure diffence 1299
And if I do presente or in absence
For loue of god lat sla me with the dede
If þat it like vn-to ȝoure wommanhede 1302

(187)

¶ I-wis quod she myn own hertes liste 1303
My grounde of ese and al myn herte deere
Gerramercy / for on þat is al my triste
But lat us fal away fro þis matere 1306
For it suffisith þis þat seyde is here
and at o worde / with-outen repentaunce
wel-come my knyghte / my pees / my suffisaunce 1309

(184)

¶ Here may men sen þat mercy passiþ ryȝt [leaf 72, back] 1282
þe experience of þat is felt [1] by me [1] [1—1 corrected]
þat am vn-worþi to so swete a wiȝt
But herte myn of ȝoure benygnete 1285
So þynkiþ þat I onworþi be
ȝit mot I nedis a-mendin in sum wise
Ryȝt þour þe vertu of ȝoure heye seruyse 1288

(185)

¶ And for þe loue of god myn lady dere 1289
Siþe god haþ wrouȝt me for I schal ȝow serue
As þus I mene wil ȝe ben myn stere
To don me leue ȝif þat ȝow liste or sterue 1292
So techiþ me how þat I may deserue
ȝoure þank so þat þour myn ygnoraunce
Ne do no þyng þat þow be displesaunce 1295

(186)

¶ ffor certis frossche wemen lich wif 1296
þis dar I seyn þat trouthe & diligence
þat schal ȝe fynde in me al myn lyue
Ne I wele not serteyn breke ȝoure defence 1299
And ȝif I do present or in absence
ffor loue of god let sle me with þe dede
ȝif þat .I. like vn-to ȝoure womanhede 1302

(187)

// I-wis quod sche myn owene hertis lust 1303
Myn ground of ese & al myn herte dere
Graunt merci for on þat is al myn trust
But let vs falle a-woy from þis matere 1306
ffor it vnficeþ þis þat seid is here
And at on word with-oute repentaunce
Wel-come myn pes & myn sufficyaunce 1309

(188)

Of here delyt. or Ioyes / oon þe leste. 1310
were impossible to my wyt to seye.
But Iuggeth ye þat han ben at þe feste.
Of swych gladnesse yf þat hem lyste pleye. 1313
I kan no more / but þus [pese] ilke tweye.
That nyght be-twexen dred and sikernesse.
Felten in loue þe grete worthynesse. 1316

(189)

O blysful nyght of hem so longe y-sought. 1317
How blipe vn-to hem bope þow were
why ne hadde I swych on with my soule y-bought.
Ye or þe leeste Ioye þat was here. 1320
A-wey þow fowle daunder and þow fere.
And lat hem in þis heuene blyssyd dwelle.
That is so heygh þat al ne kan I telle. 1323

(190) [Cf. 190.—1 are made 294.—2 in Harl. MS 1239 & Corpus's text. Harl. 2251 (f°3, bk. & Addit. 12,044 (f°10, bk) have em here.]

But soth is þough I kan not telle al. 1324
As kan myn Auctor of his excellence.
Yet haue I seyd and god to-forn and shal.
In euery þyng al hoolly his sentence. 1327
And yf þat I at loues reuerence.
Hane ony word In eched for þe beste.
Doth þer-with-al right as yow seluen leste. 1330

(191)

For myne wordes here and euery-part. [leaf 63] 1331
I speke hem alle vnder correccioun.
Of yow þat felyng han in loues art.
And putte it al yn youre discrecioun. 1334
To encrese or maken dyminucioun.
Of my langage and þat I yow by-seche.
But now to purpos of my raþer speche. 1337

(188)

¶ Of hire delite or Ioies oon þe leeste 1310
Were impossibile to my wit to seye
But Iuggeth ȝe ȝat han ben at þe feste
Of swich gladnesse If that hem liste pleye 1313
I kan namore but þus þis ilke tweweye
þat nyght bitweyne drede and sykernesse
Felten in loue the grete worthynesse 1316

(189)

¶ O blisful nyght of hem so longe I-soughte 1317
How blithe vn-to hem bothe two þow were
Why nade I swich oon with my soule I-bought
ȝe or þe leste Ioie þat was there 1320
A why thow foule daunger and þow feere
And lat hem in this heuene bliss dwelle
þat is so heigh þat al ne kan I telle 1323

(190)

¶ But sothe is þat thought I kan nat talen alle 1324
As kan myn auctor of his excellence
þat hane I seyde and god to-forne and shal
In euery thynge al holly his sentence 1327
And If þat ich at loues reuerence
Haue any word in eched for þe beste
Doth þer-with-al ryght as ȝoure-seluen leste 1330

(191)

¶ For myne wordes here and euery parte 1331
I speke hem alle vnder correccion
Of ȝow þat felynge han in loues arte
And putte it alle in ȝoure discrecion 1334
Tenceese or maken dymynucion
Of my langage and þat I ȝow beche
But now to purpos of my rather speche 1337

(188)

¶ Of hire delit or ioyis on þe leste 1310
Were impossibele [1 e me[1]] to seye [1 e corrected]
But itgip ȝe þat han ben at þe feste
Of wich gladnesse ȝif þat þey liste pleye 1313
I can no more but þus þese ilke tweye
þat nyȝ be-twixe dred & sikirnesse
ffelte in loue þe grete worþynesse 1316

(189)

¶ O blisful nyȝt of *hem* ful longe I-sout [leaf 79] 1317
How blyþe on-to hem bope to þow were
Whi naddi ȝwichon *with* soule I-bouȝt
ȝa or þe leste ioye þat was þere 1320
A-woy þou fole daunger & þou fere
And lat *hem* in þis heuene bliȝ dwelle
þat is so hey þat al ne can I telle 1323

(190)

¶ But soþ is þow I can not tellyn al 1324
As can myn autour of his excellence
ȝit haue I seyd & god to-forn I schal
In euery þyng al holly his sentence 1327
And ȝif þat I at louys reuerence
Haue ony worki en echid for þe beste
Doþ ryȝt þerwith as ȝoure seluyn leste 1330

(191)

¶ ffor myne wordis here & euery part 1331
I speke *hem* alle vndir correccioun
Of ȝow þat felyng han in louis art
And put it al in ȝoure discrecioun 1334
Tencrese & make diminucioun
Of myn langage & þat I ȝow be-seche
But now to purpos of myn raþere speche 1337

(192)

Thise ilke two þat ben in armes laft 1338
So loth to hem *a* sondry go-ne [it] were
That eche from oþer wenden ben by-raft
Or elles lo þis was here most fere. 1341
That al þis þyng but nyce dremes nere.
For which ful ofte eche of hem seyde o swete.
Clippe ich yow þus or elles I wit mete. 1344

(193)

A lord so he gan gladly on here se. 1345
That neuere his lok ne blente from here face.
And seyde o dere herte may it be.
That it be soth / þat ye ben in þis place. 1348
Ye herte myn. god þank I of his grace.
Quod þo Criseyde and þer-with-al hym kyste.
That where his spirit was for Ioye he nyste. 1351

(194)

This Troylus ful ofte here eighen two. 1352
Gan for to kysse and seyde o eyen clere.
It were ye þat wroughte me swych wo.
Ye humble nettes of my lady dere. 1355
Though here be mercy wreten yn youre chere.
God wot þe text ful hard is soth to fynde.
How koude ye with-outen bond me bynde. 1358

(195)

Therwith he gan here faste in armes take. 1359
And wel an hundred tymes gan he syke.
Nought swych sorwful sykes as men make.
For wo / or elles whanne þat folk ben syke. 1362
But esy sykes swyche as ben to lyke.
That shewed his affeccion with-Inne.
Of swiche sikes koude he nought blynne. 1365

(192)

¶ This ilk two þat ben in armes laft [last st] 1338
So loth to hem asonder gon it were
þat ech hem other wenden ben biraft
Or elles lo this was *hire* most feere 1341
þat alle þis thynges but nyce dremes were
For whiche ful oft ech of hem seyde o swete
Clippe ich ȝow þus or elles I it meete [*glaut* d]reme 1344

(193)

¶ And lord so he gan goodely on hire se 1345
þat neuere his loke ne blynte from hire face
And seyde o deere herte may it be
þat it be soth þat ȝe ben in þis place 1348
ȝe herte myne god thanke I of his *grace*
Quod tho Criseyde and þer-with-al hym kyste
þat where his spirit was for Ioie he nyste 1351

(194)

¶ þis Troilus ful oft hire eyen two 1352
Gan for to kissn / and seyde o eyen clere
It weren ȝe þat wrought me swich wo
ȝe humble nettes of my lady deere 1355
Though ther be mercy writen in ȝoure cheere
God woote þe tex ful hard is soth to fynde
How koude ȝe *with*-outen bonde me bynde 1358

(195)

¶ Ther-*with* he gan hire in armes take 1359
and wel an hondreth tymes gan he sike
Nought swiche sorwful sikes as men make
For wo / or elles when þat folk ben sike 1362
But esy sikes swiche as ben to like
þat shewed his affeccion with-Inne
Of swhich sykes koude nought bilynne 1365

(192)

// þese ilke too þat ben in armys last 1338
So loþ to *hem* a sundir gon it were
þat iche *from oþer* wende ben bi-raft
Or ellis lo þis was here moste fere 1341
þat al þis þyng but nyce dremys were
ffor wich ful oftyn eche of *hem* seyde [1]o swete[1]
Clippe eche ȝow þus or ich it mete [1—1 corrected] 1344

(193)

¶ And lord so he gan gopdli on hire se 1345
þat neuere his lok blynte *from* hire fase
And seyde o dere herte may it be
þat be soþ þat we ben in þis plase 1348
ȝa herte myn god þonke I of his grace
Quod þo Crisseyde & *þerwith*al hire kyst
þat where his spryt was for ioye he nyst 1351

(194)

¶ þis Troy*lus* ful oftyn hire eyȝin too 1352
Gan for to kissyn & seyde o eyȝyn clere
It were ȝe þat wrouȝtyn me swich wo
ȝe vmbele nettis of myn ladi dere 1355
þow þere be mercy wretyn in ȝoure chere
God wot þat tixt is ful hard soþ to fynde
How coude ye *with*-oute bond me bynde 1358

(195)

// *þerwith* he gan hire faste in armys take 1359
And wel an hunderid tymys gan he sike
Now such soruful sikis as men make
ffor wo or ell whan folk be sike 1362
But esie sikis awiche as ben to like
þat schewid is affeccinun *with*-inne
Of whiche sykis coude he not blynne 1365

(196)

Sone after þis they speke of sondry thynges. [If 62, bk] 1366
As fil to purpos of þis auenture.
And pleyinge entrechaungeden here rynges.
Of which I kan nough tellen no scripture. 1369
But wel I wot a broche gold of asure.
In whiche a ruby set was lyk an herte.
Criseyde hym yaf and stak it on his sherte. 1372

(197)

Lord trowe ye a coueytous or a wrecche. 1373
That blameth loue and holt of it despit.
That of þe pens þat he kan moke & kecche.
was euere yet y-yeue hym swych delyt. 1376
As ys in loue in oo poynt in som plyt.
Nay douteles. for also god me saue.
So parfit Ioye may no nygard haue. 1379

(198)

They wole sey yis but lord so þat þey lye. 1380
Tho bysy wrecches ful of wo and drede.
They callen loue a woodnesse or folye.
But it shal falle hem as I shal yow rede. 1383
They shul for-go þe white and eke þe rede.
And leue in wo þere god yeue hem myschaunce.
And euery louere yn his trouþe auaunce. 1386

(199)

As wolde god þat wrecches þat dispise. 1387
Seruyse of loue hadde erys al so longe.
As hadde Myda ful of Coueytise.
And þer-to dronken hadde as hoot and stronge. 1390
As Crassus dide for his affectis wronge.
To techen hem þat þey ben in þe vice.
And loueres nought / al-þough þey holde hem nyce. 1393

(196)

¶ Soon after this þei spak of sondry thynges 1366
As fel to purpos of this auenture
And pleiynge entrechanden hire rynges
Of whiche I kan nought tellen no scripture 1369
But wele I woot a broche gol and asure.
In whiche a ruby set was like an herte
Criseyde hym ȝaf and stak it on his sherte 1372

(197)

¶ Lord trow ȝe a coueytous or a wriche 1373
þat blameth loue and halt of it despite
þat of tho pans þat he gan mokre and theche
was euer ȝet I-ȝeue hym swich delite 1376
As is in loue in o pointe in som plyte
Nay douteles for also god me saue
So parfite Ioie may no nygard haue 1379

(198)

¶ They wol seyn yis but lor so they lye [leaf 51, back] 1380
þo besy wreches ful of wo and drede
They callen loue a woondenes or folye
But it shal falle hem as I shal ȝow rede 1383
They shal for-gon þe whyte and ek þe rede
And lyue in wo ther god ȝeue hem myschaunce
and euery louere in his trouthe auaunce 1386

(199)

¶ As wold god þo wreches þat dispise 1387
Seruyse of loue hadde erys also longe
as hadde Myda ful of coueityse
And ther-to dronken hadde as hote and stronge 1390
as Crassus dide for hise affectos wronge
To techen hem þat they han in þe vyce
and louers nought al though they hold hem nyce 1393

(196)

¶ Sone aftyr þis þey spoke of sundery þyngis 1366
As fel to purpos of þis auenture
And plenyngg entre-chaungedyn here ryngis
Of wich I can not telle ne no scripture 1369
But wel I wol a broche of gold & asure
In wich a rubie set was lyk an herte
Crisseyde hym gaf / & stak it on his scherte 1372

(197)

// Lord trowe ȝe a coueytous a wreche 1373
þat blamyþ loue & holt of it dispit
þat of þo pans þat he can mokere & crache
Was euere ȝit I-ȝeue hym swich delit 1376
As is in loue in on poynt in sum plyȝt
Nay douteles for also god me saue
So parfyt Ioye may non nygard haue 1379

(198)

¶ þey wele seyn þis but lord so þat þey lye 1380
þo busy wrechis ful of wo & drede
þey calle loue a wodnesse or foly
But it schal falle hem as I schal yow rede 1383
þey schal for-go þe white & ek þe rede
And leuyn in wo þat god ȝif hem myschaunce
An euery louere in his treuthe auaunce 1386

(199)

¶ As wolde god þo wrechis þat dispise 1387
Seruise of loue hadde eris as longe
As hadde myda for his coueytise
And þerto dronkyn hadde as hote & as stronge 1390
As Crassus dede for his affectis wronge
To techin hem þat þey ben in þe vice
And loueris nouȝt al-þow þey holde hem nyce 1393

(200)

This ilke two of whom þat I yow seye. 1394
whan þat here hertes wel assured were.
Tho gonne þei to speke and to pleye.
And ek rehersen how and whanne and where. 1397
They knewe hym first and euery wo and feere.
That passed was / but al swych heuynesse..
I þanke it god was tourned to gladnesse. 1400

(201)

And euere more.whan þat hem fille to speke. [leaf 85] 1401
Of ony þing of swych a tyme a-gon.
with kyssyng alle þat tale sholde breke.
And fallen in a newe Ioye a-noon. 1404
And dede al here myght syn þey were oon.
For to recouēren blysse and ben at ese.
And passed woo with Ioye countrepeyse. 1407

(202)

Reson wil not þat I speke of slep. [for slepe] 1408
For it accordeth nough to my matere.
God wot þey toke of þat ful lyte kepe:
But last þis nyght that was to hem so dere. 1411
Ne sholde in veyn escape in no manere.
It was byset in Ioye and þysynesse.
Of al þat sowneth in-to gentilesse. 1414

(203)

But whanne þe kok comune Astrologer. 1415
Gan on his brest to bete and after to crowe.
And lucifer þe dayes messager.
Gan for to ryse / and out here bemys throw. 1418
And afterward ros to hym þat kowde it know.
Fortuna maior þat anoon Crisseyde.
with herte sore to Troylus þus seyde. 1421

(200)

¶ Thise ilke two of whom þat I ȝowe seyde 1394
when þat hirtes wol assured were
Tho gonne they to speken and to pleye
and ek rehersen how and whan and whare 1397
They knowe hem first and euery wo or fere
þat passed was / but al swich heuynesse
I thonke it god was torned in-to gladnesse 1400

(201)

¶ And euer mo when þat hem fel to speke 1401
Of any thynge of swich a tyme agon
with kyssynge al þat tale sholde breke
and fallen in a new Ioie anon 1404
and diden alle hire myght syn they were oon
For to recouēren blisse and ben at ese
And passed wo with ioie countrepese 1407

(202)

¶ Reson wol nought þat I speke of slep 1408
For it a-cordeth nought to my matere
God woot þei toke of þat ful litel kep
But list þis nyght þat was to hem so deere 1411
Ne shold in veyn escape in no manere
It was by-set in Ioie and besynesse
Of al þat souneth in to gentilnesse 1414

(203)

¶ But when þe kok comune astrologer ‖ vulgarus astrologus 1415
Gan on his breste to bete and after crew
And lucifer þe dayes messager ‖ lucifer .i. stella matutinalis
Gan for to ryse and out hire bemȝe throwe 1418
And estward roos to hym þat koude it knowe
Fortuña maior þat a-non Crisseyde maior
wit herte soor to Troilus thus seyde 1421

(200)

// þese ilke to of wich þat I ȝow seye 1394
Whan þat here hertis wel a-seuride were
þo ben gon þey to spokyn & to pleye
And ek reherseyn how & whanne & where 1397
þey knowyn hem fyrst & euer wo & fere
þat passid was but al swich heuynes
I þanke it god was turned in-to gladnes 1400

(201)

¶ And euere mo whan þat him laste to spekyn 1401
Of ony wo of swich & tyme a-gon
With kissynge al þat take schulde breke
And fallyn in a newe ioye a-non 1404
And dedyn al here myȝt sithe þey were on
ffor to recouēren blisse & ben at ese
And passed wo with ioye countre-pese 1407

(202)

// Resoun wele not þat I speke on slepe 1408
for it acordyþ not to myn matere
God wot þey take of þat ful litil kep
But last þis nyȝt þat was to hem so dere 1411
Ne schulde in veyn ascape in no manere
It ny was be-set in ioye & besines
Of al þat sounyþ in-tyl gentilnes 1414

(203)

// But whan þe cok come aftyr longere 1415
Gan on his brest to betyn & aftyr crowe
And lucifer þe dayis massangere
Gan for to rise & out hese bemys prowe 1418
And aftyrward ros to hym þat coude it knowe
fortuna maior þat a-non cressoyde
With herte sore to Troylus þus seyde 1421

(204)

Myn hertes lyf my tryst and my plesaunce. 1422
That I was born allas what me is wo.
That day of vs mot make desseueraunce.
For tyme it is to ryse and hens to go. 1425
Or ellys I am lost for eueremo.
O nyght allas whi nyltow ouer vs houe.
As longe as whanne Almena lay by Ioue. 1428

(205)

O blake nyght as folk in bokes rede. 1429
That shapen art by god þis world to hide.
At certeyn tymes with þi derke wede.
That vnder þat men myghte in reste abyde. 1432
wel oughte bestes pleyne. and folk þe chide.
That þere as day with labour wolde vs breste.
That þow þus flest. and deynest vs nought reste. 1435

(206)

Thow dost allas to shortly thyn office. [leaf 63, back] 1436
Thow rakel nyght þere god makere of kynde.
The for þyn hast and þyn vnkynde vice.
So faste ay to oure hemy-spere bynde. 1439
That neuere more vnder þe ground þow wynde.
For now for þow so hyest out of Troye.
Haue I for-gon þus hastely my Ioye. 1442

(207)

This Troylus þat with þo wordes felte. 1443
As þoughte hym tho. for pitous distresse.
The blody teerys from his herte melte.
As he þat neuere yet swych heuynesse. 1446
Assayed hadde out of so gret gladnesse.
Gan þerwith-al Criseyde his lady dere.
In armes streyne and seyde in þis manere. 1449

(204)

¶ Myne hertes lyf my triste al my plesaunce [leaf 52] 1422
þat I was born allas what me is wo
þat day of vs moot make disseueraunce
For tyme it is to rise and hennes go 1425
Or elles I am lost for euer mo
O nyght allas why nyltow ouer vs houe
As longe / as almena lay by Ioue ‖ Almena mater herculis 1428

(205)

¶ O blake nyght as folk in bokes rede 1429
þat shapen art by god *þis* world to hyde
At certein tymes with thy derke wode
þat vnder þat men myghte in rest abyde 1432
wel aughten bestes and *folk* þe chide
þat ther as day with labour wolde us breste
þat thow thus fleest and deynest vs naught reste 1435

(206)

¶ Thow dost allas to schortly thyn office 1436
þow rakle nyght ther god maker of kynde
þe for thyn haste and þin vnkynde vice
So fast ay to oure hemysperie bynde 1439
þat neuere more vnder þe grounde thow wende
For now for thow so hyest out of troye
Haue I for-gon þus hastily My Ioie 1442

(207)

¶ þis Troilus þat with tho wordes felte 1443
As thoughte hym tho for pitous distresse
þe blody teres from his herte melte
As he þat neuere ȝet swiche heuynesse 1446
Assaued hadde out of so grete gladnesse
Gan ther-with-al Criseyde his lady deere
In armes streyne and seyde in þis manere 1449

(204)

¶ Myn hertis lif myn trust & myn plesaunce 1422
þat I was born allas what me is wo
þat of vs mot make deseueraunce
ffor tyme it is to ryse & henys go 1425
Oor ell I am *lost for euere* mo
O nyȝt allas whi nyst þou ouer us houe
As longe as almena lay be ioue 1428

(205)

// O blake nyȝt as folk in bokis rede 1429
þat schapyn art bi god *þis world to hide*
At serteyn tymys *with* þyn derke wede
þat vndyr þat men myȝte in reste abyde 1432
Wel auȝten bestis pleyne & folk schide
þat þere as day *with* labour wolde vs breste
þat þus flest & deynyst vs not reste 1435

(206)

¶ þu dost allas [1]alwoy þyn offyse[1] [1—1 by corrector] 1436
þu rakele nyȝt þere god makere of kynde
þe for þyn haste & þyn vnkynde vice
So faste ay to oure emesperie bynde 1439
þat neueremore vndir þe ground þou wynde
ffor now for þu hiest out of troye
Haue I now forgon þus hastily myn Ioye 1442

(207)

// *þis troylus þat with* þo wordis felte 1443
As þouȝte him þo for pitous distresse
þe blodi teris from his herte melte
As he þat neuere ȝit such heuynesse 1446
Asayed hadde out of so gret gladnesse
Gan *þerwith*al Criseide his ladi dere
In armys streyne & seyde in þis manere 1449

(208)

O cruel day accusour of þe Ioye. 1450
That nyght and loue han stole and faste y-wryen.
A-cursed be þi comyng in-to Troye.
For euery bore hath oon of þi bryght eyen. 1453
Enuyous day what lyst þe so to spyen.
what hastow lost why sekestow þis place.
Ther god þi lyght so quenche for his grace. 1456

(209)

Allas what han þese loueres þe agilt. 1457
Dispitous day thyn be þe pyne of helle.
For many a louere hastow shent and wilt.
Thi pouryng In wol no where late hem dwelle. 1460
what proferestow thi light here for to selle.
Go selle it hem þat smale selys grauen.
we wol þe nought. vs nedeth no day hauen. 1463

(210)

And ek þe sonne Tytan gan he to chyde. 1464
And seyde o fol wel may men þe dispise.
That hast þe Dawyng al nyght by þi syde.
And suffrest here so soone vp fro þe ryse. 1467
For to disesen loueres yn þis wyse.
what hold youre bed þer þow and ek þi morwe.
I bidde god so yeue yow boþe sorwe. 1470

(211)

Ther-with ful sore he sight and þus he seyde. [leaf 64] 1471
My lady right. and of my wele or wo.
The welle and rote .o. goodly myn Criseyde.
And shal I ryse allas and shal I go. 1474
Now fele I þat myn herte mot a two.
For how sholde I an hour my lyf saue.
Syn þat with yow is al þe lyf I haue. 1477

(208)

¶ O cruwel day accusour of the Ioie v. coured 1450
þat nyght and loue han stole and faste y-wrien
Acorsed be þi comynge in to Troie
For euery bore hath oon of þi bryght eyen 1453
Enuyous day what liste þe so to spyen
what hastow loste why sekestow þis place
þer god thy light so quenche for his grace 1456

(209)

¶ Allas what hath þis louers þe agylte 1457
Dispitous day thyn be þe pyne of helle
For many a louer hastow slayn and whi
þi pourynge in wel no wher lat hem dwelle 1460
what profrestow þi light here for to selle
Go selle it hem that smale seles graue
we wol þe nought vs nedeth no day haue 1463

(210)

¶ And ek þe sonne Titan gan he chyde [leaf 52, back] 1464
And seyde o fool wel may men the dispise
þat hast þe dawnynge al nyght by þi side
And sooffriste hire so soone vp fro þe ryse 1467
For to disese louers in þis wyse
what hold ȝoure bed ther thow and ek þi morw
I bidde god so ȝeue ȝow bothe sorwe 1470

(211)

¶ þer-with ful soor he sighte and þus he seyde 1471
My lady right and of my wel or wo
þe welle and roote o goodely myn Criseyde
And shal I rise allas and shal I so 1474
Now fele I þat myne herte mote a two
For how shold I my lyf an oure saue
Syn þat with ȝow is al þe lyfe ich haue 1477

(208)

¶ O cruel day a cursour of þe ioye 1450
þat nyȝt & loue han stole & faste I-wryen
Acursid be þyn comynge in-to troye
ffor euery hourre hap on of þyne bryȝte eyȝyn 1453*
Enuyous day lest þe so to espyen
What hast þou lost whi sekyst þon þis plase
þere god þyn lyȝt so quenche for his grace 1456

(209)

¶ Allas what han þese louerys þe agilt [leaf 75] 1457
Dispitous day þyn be þe pyne of helle
ffor many louere hast þou slayn & wilt
þyn pouryng in wil nower let hem dwelle 1460
What proferist þow þyn lyth hire for to selle
So selle it hem þat smale selis graue
Ws nedip not we wele no day haue 1463

(210)

// And eke þe sunne titan gan he chide 1464
And seyde o fol wel may þe dispise
þat hast þe dawyng alnyȝt be þyn side
And sufferyst hire to soone vp from þe ryse 1467
ffor to disese loueris in þis wyse
What holde ȝow þere / þou & ek þyn morw
I bidde god ȝeue ȝow boþe sorwe 1470

(211)

¶ þer-with ful sore he seyȝt & þus seyd 1471
Myn lady ryȝt & of myn wele or wo
þe welle & rote & goodly kyn Crisseyde
And schal I ryse & schal I so go 1474
New fele I þat myn herte mot on to
ffor how schulde I an our myn lyf saue
Syn þat with ȝow is al þe lyf I haue 1477

(212)

What shal I don / for certes I not how. 1478
Ne whanne allas I shal þe tyme se.
That yn þis plit I may be eft with yow.
And of my lyf god wot how þat shal be. 1481
Syn þat desir ryght now so brenneth me.
That I am ded a-noon but I retorne.
How shold I longe allas fro yow soiourne. 1484

(213)

But napeles myn owene lady bryght. 1485
were it so þat I wist outrely.
That I youre humble seruaunt & youre knyght.
were in youre herte set so formely. 1488
As ye in myn þe whiche þyng trewely.
Me leuere were þan þese wordes tweyne.
Yet sholde I bet endure al my peyne. 1491

(214)

To þat Cryseyde answered right a-noon. 1492
And with a syk she seyde .o. herte dere.
The game y-wys so ferforth now is gon.
That first shal Phebus falle fro his spere. 1495
And euery Egle ben þe dowues fere,
And euery roche out of hir place sterte.
Er Troi[i]les out of Criseydes herte. 1498

(215)

Je be so depe In-with myn herte graue. 1499
That þough I wold it turne out of my þought.
As wysly verray god my soule saue.
To dyen in þe peyne I kowde nowght. 1502
And for þe-loue of god þat vs hath wrought.
Let yn youre brayn noon oþer fantasye.
So crepe / þat it cause me to dye. 1505

(212)

¶ What shal I don for *certes* I not how 1478
Ne when allas I shal þe tyme se
þat in his plit I may ben eft *with* 3ow
And of my lyf god woot how þat shal be 1481
Syn þat desir right now so bitieth me
þat I am ded a-non but I retourne
how shal I longe allas fro 3ou soiourne 1484

(213)

¶ But natheles myn swene lady bright 1485
were it so that I wiste outerly
þat I 3our humble seruant and 3oure kynght
were in 3oure herte I-set so fermely 1488
As 3e in myn þe which thynge trewly
Me leuer were þan his worldes tweyne
3et shold I bet enduren al my payne 1491

(214)

¶ To þat Criseyde answerde right anon 1492
And *with* a sik she seyde o herte deere
þe game I-wis so fer foorth now is gon
þat first shal phebus fallen fro his spere 1495
And euerich Egle ben þe doûues fere
And euery roche *out his place sterte*
Er Troilus out of Criseydes herte. 1498

(215)

¶ 3e ben so depe In-with myn herte graue 1499
þat though I wolde it torne out of my thought
As wysely *verray* god my soule saue
To dyen in þe peyne I koude nought 1502
And for þe loue of god þat vs hath wrought
Let in 3oure breyne non other fantasye
So crepe þat it cause me to dye 1505

(212)

//What schal I don for certis I not how 1478
Ne whanne allas I schal þe tyme se
þat in þis plyȝt I may ben efte *with* 3ow
And of myn lyf god wot how þat schal be 1481
Siþe þat desire ryȝt now so streynyþ me
þat I am ded a-non but I returne
How schulde I longe allas from 3ow soiurne 1484

(213)

¶ But neuere þe les myn owene ladi bryȝt 1485
ȝ[i]t were it so þat I wiste outerely
þat I 3oure owene seruaunt & 3oure knyȝt
Were in 3oure herte schet as formely 1488
As ȝe in myn þe whech þyng trowely
Me leuere were þan þese worldis tweyne
ȝit schulde I bet endurȳn al myn peyne 1491

(214)

¶ So þat Cresseyde answerde& þat a-non [leaf 75, back] 1492
And with a sik sche seyde o herte dere
þe game I-wis so fer forþ now is gon
þat fyrst schal phebus falle from his spere 1495
And euery egele ben þe doûuȝs fere
And euery rok out of his place sterl
Or Troylus out / of Cresseydis hert 1498

(215)

// ȝe ben so depe in-with myn herte graue 1499
þat þow I wolde it turne out of myn þoȝt
As wisely wery god myn soule saue
To deyȝn in þe pleyne I coude not ȝit 1502
And for þ loue of god þat haþ us wrouȝt
Let in 3oure brayn non oþer fantasye
So crepe þat is cause me to deye 1505

(216)

An þat ye me wolde han as faste in mynde. [Ibid. 56] 1506
As I haue yow. þat wold I yow by-seche.
And yf I wyste sothly / þat to fynde.
God myght not a poynt my Ioyes eche. 1509
But herte myn with-oute more speche.
Beth to me trewe or elles were it routhe.
For I am þyn by god and by my trouthe. 1512

(217)

Beth glad for-þi and lyue in sykernesse. 1513
Thus seyde I neuere er þis ne shal to mo.
And yf to yow it were a gret gladnesse.
To turne a-yen soone afte[r] þat ye go. 1516
As fayn wolde I as ye it were so.
As wysly god myn herte brynge at reste.
And hym in armes toke and ofte keste. 1519

(218)

Agayns his wil syn it mot nedes be. 1520
This Troylus vp ros and faste hym cledde.
And in his armes tok his lady fre.
An hundred tyme. and on his wey hym spedde. 1523
And with swych wordes as his herte bledde.
He seyde farewel myn herte and dere swete.
There god vs graunte sound and soone to mete. 1526

(219)

To which no word for sorwe she answerede. 1527
So sore gan his partyng here destreyne.
And Troylus vn-to his palays ferde.
As wo-by-gon as she was soth to seyne. 1530
So hard hym wrong of sharp desir þe peyne.
For to ben eft þere he was in plesaunce.
That it may neuere out of his remembraunce. 1533

(216)

¶ And þat ȝe me wold han as faste in mynde [Ibid. 55] 1506
As I haue ȝow þat wold I ȝow beseche
And If I wiste sothely that to fynde
God myghte noughte a poynte my ioies eche 1509
But herte myn with-outen more speche
Beth to me trewe or elles were it routhe
For I am þin by god and by my trowthe 1512

(217)

¶ Beth glad for-þi and lyue in sykernesse 1513
þus seyde I neuere er þis ne shal to mo
And If to ȝowe it were a grete gladnesse
To torne aȝein soon after þat ȝe go 1516
As fayn wolde I as ye it were so
as wisly god myn herte brynge to reste
And hym in armes took and oft kyste 1519

(218)

¶ Aȝeyns his wille sith it moot nedes be 1520
þis Troilus vp roos and faste hym cledde
And in his armes took his lady fre
An hondred tyme and on his way hym spedde 1523
And with swich wordes as his herte bledde
He seyde far wel my deere herte swete
Ther god vs graunte sownde and soone to mete 1526

(219)

¶ To which no worde for sorw she answerde 1527
So soore gan his partynge hire distreyne
And Troilus vn-to his paleys ferde
As wo-by-gan as she was soth to seyne 1530
So hard hym wronge of sharp desire þe peyne
For to ben eft þer he was in plesaunce
Þat it may neuere out of his remembraunce 1533

(216)

¶ And ȝe me wolde han as faste in mynde 1506
As I haue ȝow þat wolde I ȝow be-seche
And ȝif I woste soþly þat to fynde
God myȝte not a poynt myne ioyes eche 1509
But herte myn with-oute more speche
Beþ to me trewe or ellis it were reuthe
ffor I am þyn bi god & be myn treuthe 1512

(217)

//Beþ glad forþy & leuyth in sekirnesse 1513
þis seide I neuere er þis ne schal to mo
And ȝif to ȝow it were a gret gladnes
To turne a-ȝen sone aftyr ȝe were go 1516
As fayn wolde I as ȝe it were so
As wisely god myn herte brynge at rest
And hym in armys tok & ofte kyst 1519

(218)

¶ A-ȝen his wil syþe it mot nodis be 1520
þis Troilus vp & faste hym clede
And in his armys tok his ladi fre
An hunderid tyme & on his woye him spede 1523
And with swich vois / as þow his herte blede
He seide far wel dere herte swete
þere god vs graute sone [1] for to mete [1] [1—1 corrected] 1526

(219)

¶ To which no word for sorwe sche answerde [Ibid. 76] 1527
So sore gan his partynge hire distreyne
And troylus on to his paleys ferde
As woo-be-gon as sche was soþ to seyne 1530
So harde hym wrong of scharp desirie peyne
ffor to ben eft þere he was in plesaunce
þat it may neuere out of his remembraunce 1533

(220)

Retorned to his Real Palais soone. 1534
He softe in to his bedde gan for to slynke.
To slepe longe as he was woned to doue.
But al for nought he may wel lygge and wynke. 1537
But slep ne may here in his herte synke.
Thenkynge how she for whom desir hym brende.
A þousand fold was worth more þan he wende. 1540

(221)

And in his þought gan vp and douute wynde. [leaf 85] 1541
Hise wordes alle and euery contenaunce.
And fermely impressen yn hire mynde.
The leste poynt þat to hym was plesaunce. 1544
And verraylyche of þilke remembraunce.
Desir al new hym brende, and lust to brede.
Gan more þan erst. and yet toke he noon hede. 1547

(222)

Criseyde also right in þe same wyse. 1548
Of Troylus gan in here herte shette.
His worthinesse. his lust / his dedes wyse.
His gentilesse. and how she with hym mette. 1551
Thonkynge loue he so wel here by-sette.
Desiryng eft to haue here herte dere.
In swych a plyt she dorst make hym chere. 1554

(223)

Pandare a morwe which þat comen was. 1555
Vn-to his Nece and gan hire fayre grete.
Seyde. al þis nyght so reynede it allas.
That al my drede is þat ye my Nece swete. 1558
Han litel layser had to shepe[1] and mete. [1 for slepe]
Al nyght quod he hath reyn so do me wake.
That som of vs I trowe here hedes ake. 1561

(220)

¶ Retorned to his real paleys soone 1534
He soft in to his bed gan for to slynke
To slepe longe as he was wonte to doon
But al for nought he may wel ligge and wynke 1537
But slepe ne may ther in his herte synke
Thynkynge how she for whom desire hym bronde
A thousande fold was worth more than he wende 1540

(221)

¶ And in his thought gan vp and down to wynde 1541
Hire wordes alle and euery contenaunce
And formely impressen in his mynde
þe leste poynte that to hym plesaunce 1544
And verrayliche of thilk remembraunce
Desire al newe hym brende and lust to brede
Gan more þan erst and 3et took he non hede 1547

(222)

¶ Criseyde also right in þe same wyse [leaf 33, back] 1548
Of Troilus gan in hire herte shette
His worthinesse his lust his dedes wyse
His gentilesse and how she with hym mette 1551
Thonkynge loue she so wal hire bisette
Desiry[n]ge efte to han hire herte dere
In swiche a plit she dorst make hym chere 1554

(223)

¶ Pandare o morw which þat comyn was 1555
Vn-to his nece and gan hire fayre grete
Seyde al þis nyght so reyned it allas
þat al myn dreds is þat 3e nece swete 1558
Han litel layser had to slepe and mete
Al nyght quod he hath reyn so do wak
þat som of vs I trowe hire heddes ake 1561

(220)

// Ho turnede to his rial paleys sone 1534
He softe in-to his bed gan for to slynke
To slepe longe as he was wonte to done
But al for nought he may wel ligge & wynke 1537
But slepe ne may þerin his herte synke
þynkynge how sche for whom desir him bronde
A þousent fold[1] was worþy / more þan he wende 1540
[1 fold corrected]

(221)

¶ And in his þoust gan vp & doun to wende 1541
Hire wordis alle and euery countenance
And formely in preysyng in his mynde
þe liste poynt þat to hym was plesaunce 1544
And verayly of þilke remembrannce
Desyr al newe hym brende & lust to brede
Gan more þan erst & 3it tok he non hede 1547

(222)

// Criseyde also ryzt in þ° selue wise 1548
Of troylus gan here herte schette
His worþynesse his lust his dedis wise
His genlilnesse & how sche with hym mette 1551
þankynge loue he so wel hire be-sette
Desyrynge eft to han hire herte dere
At swich a plyzt sche durste make him chere 1554

(223)

¶ Pandarus a morwe wich þat comyn was 1555
In[2] to his nece & gan hire fayre grete [2 n corrected]
Seyde al þis nyzt so reynyd it allas
þat al myn dred is þat 3e nece swete 1558
Han lityl leyser had / to slepe & mete
Al nyzt quod sche haþ reyn so don me wake
þat some of hem I trowe here heuedis ake 1561

(224)

And ner he come and seyde how stont it now. 1562
This murye morwe nece how kan ye fare.
Criseyde answerede neuere þe bet [for] yow.
Fox þat ye ben, god yeue youre herte care. 1565
God helpe me so ye causes al þis fare,
Trow I quod she. for alle youre wordes whyte,
who-so seth yow knoweth yow ful lite. 1568

(225)

With þat she gan here face for to wrye. 1569
with þe shete and wax for shame al red.
And Pandarus gan vnder for to prye.
And seyde Nece yf þat I shal ben ded. 1572
Here haue a sword and smyte of myn hede.
with that his arm al sodeynly he þriste.
Vnder here nekke and at þe laste here keste. 1575

(226)

I passe al þat which chargeth nought to seye. [If 65, bk] 1576
what god for-yaf his deth an she al so.
For-yaf and with here vncle gan for to pleye.
For oþer cause was þer noon but so. 1579
But of þis þing right to þe effect to go.
whan tyme was hom til here hous she wente.
And Pandarus hath fully his entente. 1582

(227)

Now torne we a-yen to Troylu 1583
That resteles ful longe a bedde lay.
And preuely sente after Pandarus.
To hym to come in al þe haste he may. 1586
He come a-noon nought onys seyde he nay.
And Troylus ful sobrely he grette.
And doun ypon his beddes syde hym sette. 1589

(224)

¶ And ner he com and seyde how stant it nowe 1562
þis murye morwe nece how kan ȝe fare
Criseyde answerde neuere þe bet for ȝowe
Fox that ȝe ben god ȝeue ȝoure herte care 1565
Gan helpe me so ȝe caused al þis fare
Trow I quod she / for al ȝoure wordes white
O who so seth ȝow knoweth ȝow ful lite 1568

(225)

I. conere
¶ With þat sche gan hire face for to wrye 1569
with þe shette and wex for shame al rede
And Pandarus gan vnder for to prye
And seyde nece If þat I shal be dede 1572
Haue here a swerde and smyte of myn hed
With þat has armes al sodeynly he thryste
Wnder hire nekke and at þe last hire kyste 1575

(226)

¶ I passe alle þat whiche chargeth nought to seye 1576
What god for-ȝafe his deth and she also
For-ȝaf / and whiche hire vncle gan to pleye
For other cause was ther non than [so] 1579
But of þis thynge right to theffect for to go
when tyme was home til hire hous she wente
And Pandarus hath fully his entente 1582

(227)

Now torne we aȝeyn to Troilus 1583
þat resteles ful longe a bedde lay
And priuely sente after Pandarus
To hym to com in alle þe hast he may 1586
He com a-non nought ones seyde he nay
And Troilus ful sobrely he grette
And down vp on his bedde syde hym sette 1589

(224)

¶ And ner he come & seyde how stont it now [If 76, bk] 1562
þis merie morwe nece how can ȝe fare
Crisseyde answerede neuere þe bet for ȝow
ffor þat ȝe ben god ȝif ȝoure herte care 1565
God helpe me so ȝe can syre[1] al þis fare [1 syre corrected]
Trowe I quod sche for alle þese wordis white
Who so seth ȝow / knowe ȝow ful lyte 1568

(225)

// With þat sche gan hire face for to wrye 1569
With þe schete & wex for schame al red
And pandarus gan in for to pryke
And seyde nece ȝit þat schal be ded 1572
Haue here a swerd & smyte of myn hed
With þat hise arm al sodeynly he þrest
Vndir hire nekke & at þe laste hire kyst 1575

(226)

¶ I passe al þat / swich chargith not to sey 1576
What god for-ȝaf his deþ & sche also
ffor ȝaf / & with hire vnkele gan to pleye
ffor oþer cause was þere non þan so 1579
But of þis þyng to þe effecte to go
Whan tyme was hom to hire hous sche went
And pandarus haþ fully his entent 1582

(227)

// Now turne we a-ȝyn to troylus 1583
þat resteles ful longe a bedde lay
And priuyli sente aftyr pandarus
To hym to come in al þe haste he may 1586
He com a-non / not onys seyde he na
And troylus ful sobirly he grette
And doun vp on his beddis syde him sette 1589

(228)

This Troylus with al þe affeccioun 1590
Of frendes loue þat herte may deuyse.
To Pandarus on knees fil a-down.
And er þat he wolde out of þe place a-ryse. 593
He gan hym þanken in his beste wyse.
A hondred sithe / and gan þe tyme blysse.
That he was born / to brynge hym fro distresse. 1596

(229)

He seyde .o. frend of frendes the alderbeste. 1597
That euere was / þe soþe for to telle.
Thow hast in heuene y-brought my soule at reste.
Fro Flegiton the fery flood of helle. 1600
That þough I myght a þousand tymes selle.
Vpon a day my lyf in þy seruise.
It myght nought a mot in þat suffise. 1603

(230)

The Sonne whiche þat al þe worlde may se. 1604
Saw neuere yet my lyf þat dar I leye.
So Inly feyr / and goodly as is she.
whos I am al / and shal til þat I deye. 1607
And þat I þus am heres dar I seye.
That þanked be the heigh worthynesse.
Of loue. and ek þy kynde bysynesse. 1610

(231)

Thus hastow me no lytel thyng y-yeue. [leaf 66] 1611
For which to the obliged be for ay.
My lyf / and why / for þorugh þyn help I leue.
For elles ded hadde I be many a day. 1614
And with þat word doun in his bed he lay.
And Pandarus ful sobrely hym herde.
Til al was seyd / and þanne he hym answerde. 1617

(228)

¶ Thus Troilus with alle thaffeccion [leaf 64] 1590
Of frendes loue þat herte may deuyse
To Pandarus on knowes fil a-down
And er þat he wold of þe place aryse
And gan hym thonken in his beste wyse
An hondred sithe he gan þe tyme blisse
þat he was borne to brynge hym fro distresse 1596

(229)

¶ He seyde o frend of frendes þe alder beste 1597
þat euere was þe soth for to telle
Thow haste in heuene y-brought my soule at reste
Fro flegitoun þe fery floode of helle 1600
þat though I myght a thousand tymes selle
Vp-on a day my lyf in þi seruyse
It might nought a moote in þat suffice 1603

(230)

þe sonne which þat al þe world may se 1604
Saughe neuere ȝet my lyf þat dar I laye
So Inly fayre and goodly as is she
Whos I am alle and shal til þat I dye 1607
And þat I þus am hires dar I saye
þat thonked be þe heigh worthynesse
of loue / and ek thy kynde bysinesse 1610

(231)

¶ þus hastow me no litel thyng I-ȝeue 1611
For-why to þe obliged be for ay
My lyf and whi for-thorwh hym help I lyue
Or elles ded had I ben many a day 1614
And with þat worde down in his bed he lay
And Pandarus ful sobrely hym herde
Til alle was seyde and þan he hym answerde 1617

(228)

¶ þis troilus with al affeccioun 1590
Of frendis loue þat herte may deuyse
To pandarus on kneis fel a-doun
And er þat he wolde of þe place a-ryse 1593
He gan hym þanke in his beste wise
An hunderid tyme & gan þe tyme blysse
þat he was born to brynge hym from distresse 1596

(229)

¶ He seyde o frend of frendis aldyr best [leaf 77] 1597
þat euere was þe soþe for to telle
þou hast in heuene brouȝt myn soule at rest
from flegetoun þe fery flod of helle 1600
þat þow I myȝte a þousent tyme selle
Vp-on a day myn lyf in þyn seruyse
It myȝte not a mote in þat suffyse 1603

(230)

// þe sunne which þat al þe world may se 1604
Saw neuere ȝit myn lyf þat dar I lay
So Inly fayr & goodli as is she
Whois I am al & schal tyl þat I day 1607
And þat I am þus ȝouris[1] may I say [1 u corrector]
þat þankid be þe hye worþynes
Of loue & ek þyn kynde besynes 1610

(231)

¶ þus hast þou me no lytil þyng I-ȝeue 1611
ffor which obligid be for ay
Myn lyf / fro þour þyn help I leue
Or ellys ded hade I ben manye a day 1614
And with þat word doun in his bed he lay
And pandarus ful soberely hym herde
Til al was sayd & þanne he þus answerde 1617

(232)

My dere frend yf I haue don for-þe.
In ony cas god wot it is me lief.
And am as glad as man may of it be.
God help me so: but tak it not a grief.
That I shal seyn be war of of myschief.
That þere as þow now brought art in to blysse.
That þow þi self ne cause it nought to mysse. 1624

(233)

For of Fortunes sharp aduersite. *D. 1–4, Boethius, and Dante.* 1625
The worste kynde of Infortune is þis.
A man to haue be in prosperite.
And it remembren whan it passed is. 1628
Thow art wys ynowh for-þi do nought amys.
Be not to Rakel bough þou sette warme.
For if þow be certeyn it wol þe harme. 1631

(234)

Thow art at ese and holde þe wel per-Inne. 1632
For also seur as red is euery fir.
As gret a craft is kep wel as wynne.
Bridle alwey wel þi speche and þi desir. 1635
For worldly ioye halt not but by a wir.
That preueth wel it brest alday so ofte.
For-þi nede is to werke wiþ it softe. 1638

(235)

Quod Troylus I hope and god to-forn. 1639
My dere frend / þat I shal so me bere.
That in my gilt þer shal no þing be lorn.
Ne I nyl not rakle as for to greuen here. 1642
It nedeth not þis matere ofte tere.
For wistow myn herte wel Pandare.
God wot of þis þow woldest litel care. 1645

(232)

¶ My dere frende If I haue don for þe
In any cas god woot it is me lief
And am as glade as man may of it be
God help me so / but take now not agreſe 1621
þat I shal seyne be war of þis meschefe
þat þar as þow now brought art in þi blisse
þat þow þi-self ne cause it nat to mysse 1624

(233)

¶ For of fortunes sharp aduersite 1625
The worste kynde of infortune is þis
A man to han ben in prosperite
And it remembred when it passed is 1628
Thart wyse y-nowgh for-þi do not a-mys
Be nought to rakel theigh thow sitte warme
For if þow be certein it wol the harme 1631

(234)

¶ Thow art at ese and hold þe wel per-Inne [leaf 84, back] 1632
For also seur as red is euer fire
As grete craft is kepe wele as wynne
Bridle alway wel þi speche and þi desire 1635
For wordly ioie halt nought but by a wyre
þat preueth wel it brest al day so ofte
For-thy nede is to werken with it soft 1638

(235)

¶ Quod Troilus I hope and god to-forne 1639
My deere freend þat I shal so me bere
þat in my gilt þer shal no thynge be lorne
Ny nyl naught rakle as for to greuen hire 1642
It nedeth nought þis matere oft to tere
For wistow myn herte wele Pandare
God woot of þis thow woldest litel care 1645

(232)

// Myn dere frend if I haue don for þe 1618
In ony cas I wot it is me lef
And am as glad as man may of it be
God helpe me so but tak now not agref 1621
þat I schal seyn be war of þis myschef
þat þere as now / art brouȝt in to blisse
þat þou þyn self ne cause it not to myssе 1624

(233)

¶ for of fortunys scharp aduersite 1625
þe worste kynde / of infortune is þis
A man to han ben in prosperite
And it remembryn whan it passid is 1628
þu art wys I-now forþi do not a-mys
Be not to rakyl þow þou sytte warme
for ȝif þou be certeyn it wol[1] þe harme [1 *corrector*] 1631

(234)

¶ þou art at ese & hold þe wel þerinne [leaf 77, back] 1632
for al so seur as red is euery fyre
As gret a craft is kepe wel as wynne
Brydele al wey wel þyn speche & þyn desyr 1635
for wordelis ioye haldyþ not but a wyr
þat preue I wel it brestyþ al day so ofte
for-þy nede is to werchyn with it softe 1638

(235)

// Quod Troylus & god to-forne 1639
Myn dere frend þat I schal so me bere
þat in myn gylt þere schal no þyng be lorne
Ne .I. wil not rakele as for to greuyn hire 1642
It nedyþ not þis þyng al day to tere
for wistist þou myn herte wel pandare
God wot of þis þou woldist litil care 1645

(236)

Tho gan he telle hym of his glade nyght. [leaf 66, back] 1646
And where-of first his herte dredde & how.
And seyde frend as I am trewe knyght.
And by þat feyth I shal to god and yow. 1649
I hadde it neuere half so hote as now.
And ay þe more þat desir me biteth.
To loue here best / þe more it me delyteth. 1652

(237)

I not my self not wisly what it is. 1653
But now I fele a newe qualite.
Ye al a noþer er I dede er þis.
Pandare answerede and seyde þus þat he. 1656
That onys may in heuene blysse be.
He feleth oþer weyes dar I leye.
Than þilke tyme he first herd of it seye. 1659

(238)

This is o word for al þis Troylus. 1660
was neuere ful to speke of þis matere,
And for to preyse vn-to Pandarus.
The bounte of his right lady dere. 1663
And Pandarus to þanke and maken clere.
This tale ay was span newe to bygynne.
Til þat þe nyght departed hem a-twynne. 1666

(239)

Soone after þis for þat fortune it wolde. 1667
I-comen was þe blysful tyme swete.
That Troylus was warned þat he shulde.
Ther he was erst Criseyde his lady mete. 1670
For which he felt his herte in Ioye flete.
And feythfully gan alle þe goddes herye.
And lat se now yf þat he kan be merye. 1673

(236)

¶ Tho gan he telle hym of his glad nyght 1646
And wher-of first hire hert dred and how
And seyde frend as I am trewe knyght
And by that feith I shal to god and ȝow 1649
I hadde it neuere half so hoote as now
And ay þe more þat desire me bitheth
To loue hire beste þe more it me deliteth 1652

(237)

¶ I not my self nought wysely what it is 1653
But now I feele a newe qualite
ȝe al a nother þan I dide er þis
Pandare answerde and seyde þus þat he 1656
þat ones may in heuenes blisse be
he feleth othere wayes dar I leye
Than thylk tyme he first herde of it seye 1659

(238)

¶ This is a worde for al þat Troilus 1660
Was neuere ful to speke of þis matere
and for to preysen vn-to Pandarus
þe bounte of his right lady deere 1663
And Pandarus to thank and maken chere
þis tale ay was span newe to begynne
Til þat þe nyght departed hem a-twynne 1666

(239)

¶ Soone after þis for þat fortune it wolde 1667
I-comen was þe blisful tyme swete
þat Troilus was warned þat he sholde
Ther he was erst Criseyde his lady mete 1670
For whiche he felt his herte in Ioie flete
And faithfully gan alle þe goddes herye
And lat se nowe if þat he kan be merys 1673

(236)

¶ þanne gan he telle hym of his gladde nyȝt 1646
And wher-of fyrst his herte dredde & how
And seyde frend as I am trewe knyȝt
And be þat feyth I schal to god & ȝow 1649
I hadde it neuere half so ofte as now
And ay þe more þat desyr me bityþ
To louyn hire best þe more me delityth 1652

(237)

// I not myn self not wisely what it is 1653
But now I fele a newe qualite
ȝa al a noþer þan I dede or þis
Pandaris answered and seyde þus þat he 1656
þat onys may in heuene blisse be
He felyth oþere woyis dar I ley
þan ilke tyme he fyrst of herde it say 1659

(238)

¶ þis is a word for al þis troylus 1660
Was neuere ful to speke of þis matere
And for to preysyn vn-to pandarus
þe bounte of his ryȝte lady dere 1663
And Pandarus to þanke & make chere
þis tale ay was spannewe to be-gynne
Til þat nyȝt departyd hem a twynne 1666

(239)

¶ Sone aftyr þis for þat fortune it wolde [leaf 78] 1667
I-comyn was þe blysful tyme swete
þat Troylus was warnyd þat he schulde
þere he was erst Crisseyde his lady mete 1670
ffor whi he felte his herte in ioye flete
And fayfully gan alle þe goddis herye [I ddi corrected]
And lat se now ȝif þat he can be merye 1673

(240)

And holden was þe forme and al þe wyse. 1674
Of here comynge and of his also.
As it was erst whych nedeth nought deuyse.
But playnly to þe effect right for to go. 1677
In Ioye and seurte Pandarus hem two.
A-bedde brought whan þat hem boþe leste.
And þei ben in quyete and in reste. 1680

(241)

Nought nedeþ it to yow syn þey ben met. [leaf 67] 1681
To aske at me yf þat þay blyþe were.
For yf it erst was wel þo was it bet.
A þousand fold þis nedeþ not enquere. 1684
A gon was euery sorwe and euery fere.
And boþe y-wys þey hadde and so þey wende.
As muche Ioye as herte may complende. 1687

(242)

This is no litel þyng of for to seye. 1688
This passeth euery wyt for to deuyse.
For eche of hem gan oþeres luste obeye.
Felicite which þat þese clerkes wyse. 1691
Comenden so. ne may not here suffice.
This Ioye may not y-wrete ben with Inke.
This passeth al þat herte may by-penke. 1694

(243)

But cruel day so wel-awey þe stounde. 1695
Gan for to a-proche as þey by-synes knewe.
For which hem þoughte falen dethes wounde.
So wo was hem þat changen gan here hewe. 1698
And day þey gonnen to dispise al newe.
Callyng it traytous envyous and worse.
And bitterly þe dayes light þey curse. 1701

(240)

¶ And holden was the ferme and al the wyse [leaf 82] 1674
Of hire comynge and of his also
as it was erst which nedeth nought deuyse
But pleynly to theffect right for to go 1677
In Ioie and seurte Pandarus hem two
a-bedde brought when þat hem bothe leste
And þus they ben in quyete and in reste 1680

(241)

¶ Nought nedeth it to yow syn they ben met 1681
To ax at me If þat they blythe were
For if erst was wel tho was it bet
A thousand folde / þis nedeth nought enquere 1684
A-go was euery sorwe and euery feere
And both I-wis they hadde and so they wende
As muche Ioie as herte may comprehende 1687

(242)

¶ þis nys no litel thynge of for to seye 1688
þis passeth euery wit for to deuyse
For eche of hem gan otheres luste obeye
Felicite which þat þise clerkes wyse 1691
Comenden so / ne may nought here suffise
þis Ioie may nought wryten be with Inke
þis passeth al þat herte may bithynke 1694

(243)

¶ But cruel day so walaway the stounde 1695
Gan for taproche as they by signes knowe
For which hem thought felen dethes wounde
So wo was hem þat changen gan hire hew 1698
And day they gonnen to dispise al newe
Callynge it traytour envyous and worse
And Bitterly þe dayes light they corse 1701

(240)

// And holdyn was þ^e^ forme & þ^e^ wyse 1674
Of hire comynge & ek of his also
As it was erst which nedyþ not deuyse
But pleynly to þ^e^ effectis for to go 1677
In ioye & seurete Pandarus hem to
Abede broust whan hem boþe lest
And þus þey ben in quiete & in rest 1680

(241)

¶ Not nedyþ it to yow sithe þey ben mette[1] 1681*
To axe at me 3if þat þey blyþe were [* is added]
ffor 3if it erst was wel þo wa it bette[1] 1684
A þousent fold þis nedyþ not to enquyre
A-gon was euery sorwe & euery fere
And boþe Iwis þey hadde & so þey wende
As meche ioye as herte may comprehende 1687

(242)

// þis nys no lytil þyng of for to sey 1688
þis passeþ euery wyt forto deuyse
ffor eche of hem gan oþeris lust obeye
ffelicite which þat þese clerkys wise 1691
Comendyn so ne may not hire suffyse
[2]This paseyth al that herte may bethynke
This Ioye may not wretyn ben wyth ynke 1694

(243)

¶ But crewel deth so ywellowy the stounde[2] 1695
Gan for ta-proche as þey be sygnys knewe [[2] by corrector]
ffor whiche he in 3outhe felte depis wonde
So wo has hem þat schongyn gan here hewe 1698
A day þey gan to despise al newe
Calle it traytour envyous & werse
And bittyrly þ^e^ dayis lyst þey curse 1701

(244)

Quod Troylus now am I war. 1702
That Piros and þo swyfte stedes þre.
which þat drawen forth þe sonnes char.
Han gon som by-path in despit of me. 1705
That makeþ it so soons day to be.
And for þe sonne hym hasteth þus to ryse.
Ne shal I neuere don here sacrifice. 1708

(245)

But nedes day departe moste hem soone. 1709
And whanne here speche don was and here chere
They twynne a-noon as þey were woned to done.
And setten tyme of metyng eft y-fere. 1712
And many a nyght þey wrought yn þis manere.
And þus Fortune a tyme ladde In Ioye.
Criséyde and ek þis kynges sone of Troye. 1715

(246)

In suffisaunce In blisse and in syngynges. [leaf 67, back] 1716
This Troylus gan al his lyf to lede.
He spendeth Iusteth maketh festeynynges.
He ʒeueth frely ofte. and chaungeth wede. 1719
And hold hym aboute alwey out of drede.
A world of folk. as kam hym wel of kynde.
The fresshest and þe beste he koude fynde. 1722

(247)

Þat swych a voys was of hym and [a] steuene. 1723
Thorugh-out þe world of honour and largesse.
That it rong vp in-to þe yate of heuene.
And as in loue he was yn swych gladnesse, 1726
That in his herte he demede as I gesse.
That þere nys louere in þis world at ese.
So wel as he and þus gan loue hym plese. 1729

(244)

¶ Quod Troilus now am I ware 1702
That Pirors and the swyfte stedes thre
which þat drawn forth þe sonnes chare
han gon som by-path in dispite of me 1705
þat maketh it so soné day to be
And for þe sonne hym hasteth þus to ryss
Ne shal I neuere don hire sacrifise 1708

(245)

¶ But nedes day depart hem most soone 1709
And when hire speche don was and hire cherp
they twynne a-non as they were wonte to doone
And setten tyme of metyng eft y-fere 1712
And many nyght they wrought in þis manere
And þus Fortune a tyme ledde in Ioie
Criseyde and ek þis kynges sone of Troie 1715

(246)

¶ In suffisaunce in blisse and in sytygynges [leaf 68, back] 1716
þis Troilus gan alle his lyf to lede
He spendeth Iousteth / maketh festeynynges
He ʒeueth frely olte and chaungeth wede 1719
And hold aboute hym alwey out of dredo
A world of folk as com hym wel of kynde
þe fresshiste and þe beste he koude fynde 1722

(247)

¶ þat swich a vois was of hym and a neuene 1723
Thorugh-out þe world of honour and largesse
þat it vp rong vn-to þe ʒate of heuene
And as in loue he was in swich gladnesse 1726
þat in his herte he demed as I gesse
That ther nys louere in þis world at ese
So wel as he / and thus gan loue hym to plese 1729

(244)

¶ Quod Troylus alle now am I war 1702
þat Pirus & þe swifte stede ire
Wich þat drawyn forþ þe sunnys char
Han gon sum bipaþ in dispit of me 1705
þat makiþ it so sone day to be
And for þe sunne hym hastyþ so to ryse
Ne schal I neuere don hym sacrifise 1708

(245)

// But nedis day departyn hem muste sone 1709
And whan here speche don was & here chere
þey twyn a-non as þey were wone to done
And setie tyme of me-tyng eft in fere 1712
And manye a nyʒt þey wrouʒte in þis manere
And þus fortune a tyme led in Ioye
Cresseyde & ek þis kyngis sone of Troye 1715

(246)

¶ In suffisaun̄s in blis & in segyngys 1716
þis Troylus gan al his lyf to ledé [1 a written]
He spendyth iustyþ makyþ festyngys
He ʒeuyth frely ofte & chaungyþ wede 1719
And held a-boute hym alwey out of dredo
A world of folk as come hym wel of kynde
þe frossest þe best hē coude fynde 1722

(247)

// þat swich a vois of hym was & a steuene 1723
þour-out þe world of honour & largesse
þat it vp rong xyst to þe ʒate of heuene
And as in loue he was in swich gladnesse 1726
þat in his herte he demyd as I gesse
þat þere ne is louere in þis world at ese
So wel as he & so gan-loue hym plese 1729

(248)

The goodlihede or beaute which þat kynde. 1730
In ony oþer lady hadde y-set.
Kan not þe mountaunce of a knot vnbynde.
Aboute his herte of al Criseydes net. 1733
He was so narwe y-maked and y-knet.
That it vndon on any manere syde.
That nyl not ben for ought þat may be-tide. 1736

(249)

And by þe hond ful ofte he wolde take. 1737
This Pandarus and in-to gardeyn lede.
And swych a feste and swych a proces make.
Hym of Criseyde / and of here womanhede. 1740
And of here beaute / þat with-outen drede.
It was an heuene his wordes for to here.
And þanne he wolde synge in þis manere. 1743

(250) (*Troilus's Song of Love*, 1; *adapted from Boethius.*)

Loue þat of erþe and se hath gouernaunce. 1744
Loue þat his heste hath in heuene hye.
Love þat with an holsom alliaunce.
Halt peples Ioyned as hem lyst hym gye. 1747
Loue þat knetteth lawe of companye.
And couples doth in vertu for to dwelle.
Bynd þis a-cord / þat I haue told and telle. 1750

(251) (*Troilus's Song.* 2.)

That þat þe world with feyth which þat is stable. [lf 68] 1751
Dyuerseth so his stoundes concordynge.
That elementes þat ben so discordable.
Holden a bond perpetuely durynge. 1754
That Phebus mot his rosy day forth brynge.
And þat þe mone hath lordship ouer þe nyghtes.
Al þis doth loue ay heryed be his myghtes. 1757

(248)

¶ þe goodlyhed or beaute which þat kynde 730
In any other lady hadde I-set
Kan nought þe mountaunce of a knotte vn-bynde
Aboute his herte of alle Criseydes net 1733
He was so narwe Ymasked and I-knet
þat it vn-don on any manere syde
þat nyl nought ben for aught that may bitede 1736

(249)

¶ And by þe hond ful oft he wolde take 1737
þis Pandarus and to gardyn lede
and swich a feste and swiche proces make
Hym of Criseyde and of hire wommanhede 1740
And of hire beaute þat with-outen drede
It was an heuene his wordes for to here
And thanne he wolde synge in þis manere 1743

(250) (*Troilus's Song of Love*, 1; *adapted from Boethius.*)

¶ Loue that of erith and se hath gouernaunce 1744
Loue þat hise hestes hath in heuene hye
Loue þat with an holsom alliaunce
Halt peples Ioyned as hym liste hem gye 1747
Loue þat knettheth law and compaignye
And couples doth in vertu for to dwelle
Bynd þis acorde þat I haue told and telle 1750

(251) (*Troilus's Song.* 2.)

¶ þat that the world with faith which þat is stable 1751
Dyuerseth so his stoundes concordynge
þat Elementȝ þat ben so discordable
holden a bond perpetualy durynge 1754
þat Phebus mot his rosy carte forth brynge
And þat þe mone hath lorchip ouere þe nyghtes
Al þis doth loue ay heryed be his myght 1757

(248)

¶ þe godlyhid & bounte which þat kynde 1730
In ony oþer ladi at sette
Can not þe mountenans of a knot onbynde
Aboute his herte of al Crissides nette 1733
He was so harde I-maskid & I-knette
þat it ondon on ony maner syde
þat nyl not ben for nouȝt þat may betyde 1736

(249)

¶ And by þe hond ful ofte he wolde take [leaf 79] 1737
þis pandarus & in-to gardyn lede
And swich a feste & swich a proces make
Hym of Crisseyde & of hire womanhede 1740
And of hire beute þat with-outyn drede
It was an heuene his wordis for to here
And þanne wolde he synge in his manere 1743

(250) (*Troilus's Song of Love*, 1; *adapted from Boethius.*)

// Loue þat of erþe & se haþ gouernaunce 1744
Loue þat his hestis haþ in heuene hye
Loue þat with an holsom allyaunce
Hast pepelys ioyny as hym list hem seye 1747
Loue þat endytyþ lawe of cumpanye
And coupelys doþ in vertu for to dwelle
Bynd þis acord þat I haue told & telle 1750

(251) (*Troilus's Song.* 2.)

¶ þat þere þe world with fayth þat is onstabele 1751
Dyuersith so his stoundis concordyng
þat elementis þat ben so discordabele
Hold in a bounde perpetuel-duryng 1754
þat Phebus may his rosi day forþ brynge
And þat þe mone haþ lorschepe ouer þe nytyȝs
Al þis doþ loue & heryed be his myȝtys 1757

(252) (*Troilus's Song.* 3.)

That pat pe seo pat gredi is to flowen
Constreyne to a certeyn ende so.
His fiodes pat freshly feyne growen
To drenchen erbe/and al for euere mo.
And if pat loue ouȝte late his bridel go.
Al pat now louith wonder aloȝe lepe
And al were lost pat loue halt now to hepe.

(253) (*Troilus's Song.* 4.)

So wolde god pat Auctor is of kynde
That with his bond/loue of his vertu liste
To cerclen hertes alle and faste bynde
Pat from his bonde no wight pe weye out wyste.
And hertes colde hem wolde I pat he it wyste
To make hem loue and pat hem list ay rewe
Or hertes sore/and kep hem pat ben trowe.

(254)

In alle nedes for pe townes were
He was and ay pe first in armes dight
And certaynly but if pat bokes erre
Saide Ector most dred of any wight.
And his enemes of hardinesse & myght.
Com hym of loue his ladyes pank to wynne
That altered his spirit so with linne.

(255) (*Chaucer prints* vv. 235 *after* 240. *Hart.* 1339 *has* 24 *here.*)

In tyme of trewe on haukynge wolde ryde
Of alle hunten bore beere or lyoun
The smale bestes leet he gon by syde.
And whan pat he com rydynge in to town.
Ful ofte his lady from hire wyndow down.
As fresch as faukon cometh out of mewe
Ful redy was hym goodly to saluwe.

(252) (*Troilus's Song.* 3.)

¶ That pat pe seo pat gredi is to flowen
Constreyneth to a certeyn ende so
His fiodes pat so freshly feyne growen
To drenchen erbe and alle for euere mo
And if pat loue ouȝte let his bridel go
Al pat now louith wonder aloȝe lepe
And lost were al pat loue halt now to hepe

(253) (*Troilus's Song.* 4.)

¶ Soo wold god pat auctour of kynde
pat with his bond/loue of his vertu liste
To cerclen hertes alle and fast bynde
pat from his bonde no wight pe weye out wyste
And hertes colde hem wold I pat he twiste
To make hem loue and pat hem list ay rewe
Or hertes sore and kepe hem pat ben trowe

(254)

¶ In alle the nedes for pe townes were
He was/and ayepe firste in armes dighte
And certaynly but if pat bokes erre
Saide ector most dredde of any wyght
And his enemes of hardynesse and myght
Com hym of loue his ladyes thanke to wynne
pat altered his spirit so with linne

(255)

¶ In tyme of trewe on haukynge wold he ryde
Or elles hunte bore/beere or lyon
pe smale bestes leete he gon by syde
And when pat he com rydynge in to town
Ful ofte his lady from hire wyndow down
As fresh as faucon comen out of mewe
Ful redy was hyn goodly to saluwe

(252) (*Troilus's Song.* 3.)

¶ That pe seo pat gredi is to flowyn
Constreyneth to a certeyn ende so
His fiodis pat so freshly feyne growyn
To drenchyn erbe & alle for euere mo
And if pat loue ouȝte let his bridil go
Al pat now louyth wonder yschulde lepe
And lost were al pat loue halt now to chepe

(253) (*Troilus's Song.* 4.)

¶ So wolde god pat auctour is of kynde
pat with his bounde loue of his vertu lyst
So serkelyn hertis alle & faste bynde
pat from his bonde no wight pe weye out wyst
And hertis colde hem wolde I pat he twyst
To make hem loue & pat hem list ay rowe
And hertys sore & kepyn hem pat ben trewe

(254)

¶ In alle nedis for pe townys were [*sic, read* pe] He was & ay pe fyrste in armys dede
He was & ay pe fyrste in armys dede
And sertaynly but if pat bokis erre
Saide ector most dredde of ony wyȝt
And his enemys of hardynesse & myȝt
Come hym of loue his ladyis pank to wyn
pat alteryd his spyrit euere so with in

(255)

¶ In tyme of trewe on haukynge wolde he ryde
Of alle hunte bor bere or loun
pe smale bestis let he go be syde
When pat he com rydyngin to toun
Ful ofte his lady from hire wyndows doun
As fresch as faucon comyn out of mewe
Ful redi was his lady to saluwe

(256)

And most of loue and vertu was his speche. [f° 68, bk] 1786
And in despit hadde alle wrecchednesse.
And douteles no nede was hym besecche.
To honouren hem þat hadde worthynesse. 1789
And seen hem þat weren in distresse.
And glad was he yf any wyght wel ferde.
That louere was. whan he it wyste or herde. 1792

(257)

For soth to seyn he lost held euery wyght. 1793
But yf he were in loues heyghe seruyse.
I. mene folk þat oughte it ben of right.
And ouer al þis so wel koude he deuyse. 1796
Of sentement. and in so vnkow wyse.
Al his aray. þat euery louere oughte.
That al was wel what-so he seyde or wroughte. 1799

(258)

And þough þat he be come of blod royal. 1800
Lyst hym of pride at no wyght for to chase.
Benygne he was to ech yn general.
For which he gat hym þank in euery place. 1803
Thus wold loue y-heryed be his grace.
That Pride / enuye / Ire / and auaryce.
He gan to fle. and euery oþer vice. 1806

(259)

Thow lady bryght þe doughter to Dyone. 1807
Thy blynde and wynged sone ek dann Cupide.
Ye sustren nyne ek þat by Elycone.
I. hil *parnaso* lysten for to a-byde. 1810
That ye þus fer han deyned me to gyde.
I kan no more but syn þat ye wol wende.
Ye heryed ben for ay with-outen ende. 1813

(256)

¶ And most of loue and vertu was his speche 1786
And in dispit hadde alle wrechednesse
And douteles no nede was hym bisseche
To honouren hem þat hadde worthynesse 1789
And seen hem þat weren in distresse
And glad was he if any wight wel feerde
þat louer was when he it wiste or herde 1792

(257)

¶ For soth to seyn he lost held euery wight 1793
But if he were in loues heigh seruyse
I mene folk þat ought it ben of right
And euere alle þis so wele koude he deuyse 1796
Of sentement / and in so vnkouthe wyse
Al his array / þat euery louer thoughte
þat al was wel what so he seyde or wrought 1799

(258)

¶ And though þat he com of blode royal [leaf 88, back] 1800
Hym liste of pride at no wight for to chace
Benigne he was to eche in general
For which he gat hym thanke in euery place 1803
Thus wold loue I-heried be his grace
þat pride and Ire enuye and auarice
he gan to fle and euery-ich other vice 1806

(259)

¶ Thow laydy bryght the doughter to Dyon 1807
Thy blynde and vynged sone ek dam opide
ȝe sustren nyne ek þat by Elycone
In hil *Parnaso* listen for tabide 1810
þat ȝe þus fer hem deyned me to gyde
I kan namore but syn þat ye wol wende
ȝe heried ben for ay with-outen ende 1813

(256)

¶ And most of loue & vertu was his speche 1786
'nd in dispit hadde al wrechedenes
nd douteles non nede was hym *beseche*
To honouryn hem þat haddyn worþines 1789
And seen hem *þat* weryn[1] in distres [1 r *later*]
And glad was he ȝif ony wyȝt wel ferde
þat lovere was whan he it wiste or herde 1792

(257)

// ffor soþ to seyn he lorn hade *euery* wiȝt 1793
But ȝif he were in lowys hey seruyse
I mene folk þat ouȝt it ben of ryȝt
And ouer*al* þis so wel coude he deuyse 1796
Of sentement *&* in so vnkouþ wyse
Al his aray þat *euery* louere þouȝte
þat al was wel what so he seyde or wrouȝt 1799

(258)

¶ And þow þat he be comyn of blod real 1800
Hym lyst of pride at no whit for to chase
Benygne he was to eche in general[2] [2 e, al, *altered*]
ffor which he gat hym þank in euery plase 1803
þus wolde loue I-heryed be his grace
þat pride enuye yre & aueryce
He gatt to fle & euery oþer vice 1806

[*Leaves* 80 *and* 81 *have been cut out of the Cambridge MS.*]

(260)

Thourgh yow haue I seyd fully in my song.
Theffect and Ioye of Troylus seruyce.
Al be þat þere was som dishese a-mong.
As to myn Auctor listeþ to deuyse.
My þridde book now ende Ich in þis wys.
And Troylus in lust and in quiete.
Is with Criseyde his owne herte swete.

[*End of Book III.*]

(260)

¶ Thorwgh 3ow haue I seyde fully in my songe
Theffect and Ioie of Troilus seruyse
Al bi þat þer was som disese among
As to myn auctour listeth to deuyse
My thridde book now ende ich in þis wyse
And Troilus in luste and in quiete
Is with Criseyde his owen herte swete

[*End of Book III.*]

[*Campsall MS., leaf* 69.]

[*In this Book, the tags of the* f, g, k, þ *of the MS. are not printed.*]

(1) (*Proem*)

But al to litel woylawey þe whyle. [leaf 69] 1
Lasteth swych Ioye y-ponked be Fortune.
That semeth trewest whanne she wole bygyle.
And kane to foles so here song entune. 4
That she hem hent and blent traytour comune.
And whan a wyght is from hem whiel y-prowe.
Than laugheth she and maketh here þe mowe. 7

(2)

From Troylus she gan here brighte face. 8
A-wey to wriþe. and tok of hym noon hede.
But caste hym clene oute of his lady grace.
And on here whiel she sette vp diomede. 11
For which ryþt now myn herte gynneth blede.
And now my penne allas wiþ which I write.
Quakeþ for drede of that I mot endite. 14

(3)

For how Criseyde Troylus forsook. 15
Or at þe leste how þat she was vnkynde.
Mot hennes forth ben matere of my book.
As writen folk þorugh which it is in mynde. 18
Allas þat þey shuldè euere cause fynde.
To speke here harm and yf þey on here lye.
y-wys hem self sholde han þe vilonye. 21

[*Harleian MS.* 2280, *on leaf* 56, *back.*]

[*The few tagd* f, g, k, *of the MS. are not printed in this Book.*]

(1) (*Proem*)

¶ But al to litel walawey þe while 1
Lasteth swich Ioy I-thonked be fortune
þat semeth trewest whęn she wol bigyle
and kan to fooles so hire song entune 4
þat she hem hente and blente traitour comune
And whenęa wight is from hire whiel Ithrowe
Than laugheth she and maketh hym þe mowe 7

(2)

¶ From Troilus she gan hire brighte face 8
awey to wrythe and took of hym non hede
But cast hym clene oute of his lady grace
And on hire whiel she sette up diomede 11
For whiche myn herte right now gynneth to blede
And now my penne allas with which I wryte
Quaketh for drede of þat [I] most endite 14

(3)

¶ For how Criseyde Troilus forsoke 15
Or at þe leeste how þat she was vnkynde
Moot hennes forth ben matere of my book
As wryten folk thorugh which it is mynde 18
Allas þat they sholde euere cause fynde
To speke hire harme and if they on hire lye
I-wis hem self shold han þe vylenye 21

[*Leaves* 80 *and* 81 *have been cut out of the Cambridge MS.*]

(4) (*Invocation*)

O ye herynes nyghttes doughtren thre. 22
That endeles compleynes euere in pyne.
Megera. Alete. and ek Thesyphone.
Thow cruel Mars ek fader of Quyryne. 25
This ilke ferþe book me helpeth fyne.
So þat þe losse of lyf and loue yfere.
Of Troylus be fully shewed here. 28
Explicit liber Tercius.

Incipit Quartus Liber.

(5) (*The Story*)

Liggynge yn ost as I haue seyd er-þis. 29
The Grekys stronge a-boute Troye town.
By-fel þat whanne þat Phebus shynyng is.
Vp on þe brest of hercules lyoun. 32
That Ector with many a bold baroun.
Caste on a day wiþ Grekes for to fighte.
As he was woned to greue hem what he myghte.

(6)

Not I how longe or short it was by-twene. 36
This purpos and þat day þey fighte mente.
But on a day wel armed bryght and shene.
Ector & many a worþi wight out wente. 39
wiþ spere on hond and bygge bowes bente.
And in þe berd with-oute lenge lette.
Here fomen in þe feld a-noon hem mette. 42

(7)

The longe day wiþ speres faste y-grounde. 43
with arwes dartes swerdes maces fele.
They fyghte and bryngen hors and man to grounde.
And with here axes out þe braynes quelle. 46
But in þe last shour soth for to telle.
The folk of Troye hem seluen so mysledden.
That with þe worse at nyght homward þey fledden. 49

(4) (*Invocation*)

¶ O ȝe herynes nyghttes doughtren thre [leaf 57] 22
þat endeles compleynen euere in pyne
Megera alete / and ek thesiphone
Thow cruel mars ek fader to quyryne 25
þis ilke ferthe book me helpeth fyne
So þat þe los of lyf and loue y-fere
Of Troilus be fully shewed heere 28
Explicit. tercius liber

Incipit quartus liber.

(5) (*The Story*)

Lyggynge in oost / as I haue seyde or þis 29
þe grekes stronge a-boute Troye town
Byfel / þat when þat phebus shynynge is
Vp on the breste of herculis leoun 32
þat Ector with ful many a bolde baroun
Cast on a day with grekes for to fighte
As he was wonte to greue hem what he myght 35

(6)

¶ Not I how longe or short it was bitwene 36
þis purpos / and þat day they fighten mente
But on a day wel armed bryghte and shene
Ector and many a worthi wight out wente 39
wit spere in honde and bigge bowes bente
And in þe berde with-outen lenger lette
Hire fomen in þe felde anon hem mette 42

(7)

¶ þe longe day with speres sharpe I-grounde 43
with arwes / dartes swerdes / maces felle
They fighten and bryngen hors and man to grownde
And with hire axes out þe braynes quelle 46
But in þe laste shoure soth for to telle
þe folk of Troie hem seluen so mysleden
þat with þe wors at nyght homward they fledden 49

(8)

At whiche day was taken Antenor. 50
Maugre Polydamas .or. Monesteo.
Santippe / Sarpedon / Polynestor.
Polyte or eke þe Troian daun Rupheo. 53
And opere lasse folk as Phebuseo.
So þat for harm þat day þe folk of Troye.
Dredden to lese a gret part of here Ioye. 56

(9)

Of Pryamus was yeue at Grekes requesta. 57
A tyme of trewe and þo þey gonnen trete.
Here prisoneres to chaungen most and leste.
And for the surplus yeue sommes grete. 60
This þing a-noon was kouth in euery strete.
Boþe in passege / in towne and euery where.
And with þe firste it cam to Calkas ere. 63

(10)

Whan Calkas knew þis tretys sholde holde. [leaf 70] 64
In Consistorie a-mong þe Grekes soone.
He gan in thrynge forth with lordes olde.
And sette hym þere as he was woned to done. 67
And with a chaunged face hem bad a bone.
For loue of god to don hym þat reuerence.
To stynte noyse / and yeue hym audyence. 70

(11)

Thanne seyde he þus / lo lordes myne I was. 71
Troian as it is knowen out of drede.
And if þat yow remembre I am Calkas.
That alderfirst yaf comfort to youre nede. 74
And told[e] wel how þat ye sholden spede.
For dredles þorugh yow shal in a stounde.
Ben Troye y-brend / and bete doun to grounde. 77

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(8)

¶ At which day was taken antenor 50
Maugre Polidamas or monesteo
Santippe sarpedon Polynestor
Polite or ek þe Troian daun rupheo 53
And other lesse folk / as phebuseo
So þat for harmē þat day þe folk of Troie
Dreden to lese a grete part of hire Ioye 56

(9)

¶ Of Priamus was 3eue a grek requeste [leaf 87, back] 57
A tyme of trew and þo they gonnen trete
Hire prisoners to chaungen most and leste
And for þe surplus 3euene sommes grete 60
þis thynge a-non was with in euery strete
Both in thessage and town and euery where
And with þe firste it come to calkas ere 63

(10)

¶ whan calkas knew þis tretis shold holde 64
In consistorie o-mange þe grekes soone
He gan in thrynge forth with lordes olde
And set hym there as he was wonte to done 67
And with a chaunged face hem bad a boone
For loue of god to / don þat reuerence
To stynte noyse and 3eue hym audience 70

(11)

¶ Than seyde he thus lo lordes myn ich was 71
Troian / as it is knowen of drede
And if 3ow remembre I am kalkas /
þat alderfirste 3af confert to 3oure nede 74
And tolde wel how þat 3e sholde spede
For dredeles þirwgh 3ow shal in a stownde
Ben Troie brente and betten down to grownde 77

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(12)

And in what forme or for what manere wyse. 78
This town to shende / and al youre lust to acheue.
Ye han er þis wel herd it me deuyse.
This knowe ye my lordes as I leue. 81
And for þe Grekes weres me so leue.
I com my-self in my propre persone.
To teche in þis how yow was best to done. 84

(13)

Hauynge vn-to my tresour ne my rente. 85
Right no resport / to respect of youre ese.
Thus al my good I loste and to yow wente.
wenyng in þis you lordes for to plese. 88
But al þat losse ne doth me no dishese.
I vouche saf / as wysly haue I loye.
For you to lese / al þat I haue in Troye. 91

(14)

Saue of a doughter þat I lafte allas. 92
Slepynge at hom whanne out of Troye I sterte.
O sterne and cruwel fader þat I was.
How myght I haue yn þat so hard an herte. 95
Allas I ne hadde y-brought here in here sherte.
For sorwe of which I wol not lyue to morwe.
But yf ye lordes rewe vp-on my sorwe. 98

(15)

For by þat cause I say no tyme er now. [leaf 70, back] 99
Here to delyuere I holden haue my pes.
But now or neuere yif þat it lyke yowe.
I may here haue right sone douteles. 102
O help and grace a-mong al þis pres.
Rewe on þis olde caytyf in destresse.
Syn I for yow haue al þis heuynesse. 105

(12)

¶ And in what fere or in what manere wyse 78
þis town shende and al ȝoure luste tacheue
ȝe han or this wel herde it me deuyse
þis knowe ȝe my lordes as I leue [i. crede] 81
And for þe grekes weren me so leue [i. cari]
I com my self in my propre persone
To teche in þis how ȝow was best to done 84

(13)

¶ Hauynge to my tresour ne my rente 85
Right no resport / to respite of ȝour ese
þus al my goode I leste and to ȝow wente
wynynge in þis ȝow lordes for to plese 88
But al þat los ne doth me no disese
I vouche sauf/ as wysly haue I loye
For ȝow to leese alle þat I haue in Troye 91

(14)

¶ Saue of a doughter that I lefte allas 92
Slepynge at home when out of Troie I sterte
O sterne o cruel fader þat I was
How myght I haue in þat so harde an herte 95
Allas I ne hadde brought hire in hire sherte
For sorwe of which I wol nought lyue to morwe
But if ȝe lordes rew vp-on my sorwe 98

(15)

¶ For by þat cause I say no tyme or nowe [leaf 56] 99
Hire to deliuere ich holden haue my pees
But now or neuere if it like ȝowe
I may hire haue right soone douteles 102
O helpe and grace amonge al þis prees
Rew up-on þis olde caytif in distresse
Syn I thorwgh ȝow have al þis heuynesse 105

(16)

Ye haue now kaught & fetered in presoun 106
Troians y-nowe / and yf youre wille be.
My chy[l]d with on may haue redempcion.
Now for þe loue of god and of bounte. 109
On of so fele allas so yens hym me.
what nede were it þis preyere for to werne.
Syn yȝ shul bothe han folk and town as yerne. 112

(17)

On peril of my lyf I shal not lye. 113
Appollo hath me told it feythfully.
I haue ek founden by astronomye.
By sort and by augurye ek trewely. 116
I dar wel seye þe tyme is faste by.
That fir and flaumbe on al þe town shal sprede.
And þus shal Troye turnen in asshen dede. 119

(18)

For certeyn Phebus and Neptainus bope. 120
That maden þe walles of þe toun.
Ben with þe folk of Troye alwey so wrope.
That þei wole brynge it to confusioun. 123
Right in despit of kyng Iameadoun.
By cause he nolde payen hem here hire.
The town of Troye shal ben set on fire. 126

(19)

Tellyng his tale alwey þis olde Greye. 127
Humble in speche and yn his lokynge eke.
The salte terys from his eyen twye.
Ful faste ronnen doun by eyther cheke. 130
So longe he gan of socour hem by-seche
That for to helen hym of his sorwes sore.
They yaf hym Antenor with-oute more. 133

(16)

¶ ȝe haue now caught and fetered in prisoun 106
Troians I-nowe and if youre willes be
My childe with-oon may han redempcion
Now for þe loue of god and of bounte 109
Oon of so fele allas so yif hym me
what nede were it this preyere for to werne
Syn ȝe shul both han folk and town as ȝerne 112

(17)

¶ On peril of my lif I shal not lye 113
Appollo hath me told it feithfully,
I haue ek founde by astronomye
By sort and by augurye ek trewly 116
And dar wel seye the tyme is faste by
þat fir and flaumbe on al þe town shal sprede
And þus shal Troie torne to asshen dede 119

(18)

¶ For certeyn phebus and neptunus[1] bothe 120
þat makeden the walles of þe town [1 MS. neptimus]
Ben with þe folk of Troie alwey so wrothe
þat they wol brynge it to confusioun 123
Right in dispit of kynge Iameadoun
By cause he nold payen hem here hire
þe town of Troie shal ben set on fyre 126

(19)

¶ Tellynge his tale alwey his old greye 127
Humble in his speche and in his lokynge ek
þe salt teres from his eyen twey̆e
Ful faste ronnen down by eyther cheke 130
So longe he gan of socoure hem by-seke
þat for to hele hym of his sorwues soore
They haue hym antenor with-outen more 133

[*Two leaves, 80 and 81, have been cut out of this MS.*]

[*Camb. Univ. Libr. MS. Gg. 4. 27, leaf 82.*]

(17)

¶ Of peril of myn self I shal not lye 113
Appollo hap me told sekyrly
I haue ek founde it be astronomye
By sort & be augurye ek trewely 116
And dar wel seyn þe tyme is faste bye
þat fer & flaumme on al þe toun schal sprede
And þus schal Troye turne tyl asschyn dede 119

(18)

// for sorteyn Phebus & Natyinus bope 120
þat madyn alle þ* walf of þe toun
Ben with þ* folk of Troye alwoy so wrope
þat þey wele bryngyn it to confusioun 123
Ryȝt in dispit of kyng Iameodoun
Be cause he nulde paye hem here here
þ* toun of Troye schal be set on fere 126

(19)

¶ Tellynge his tale alwey þis olde greye 127
Humbele in his speche & in his tellynge eke
þe salte terys from his eyȝyn tweye
ful faste ronne doun on eyþer cheke 130
So longe he gan of mercy hem beseke
þat for to hele hym of his sorwȝs sore
þey ȝaf hym antenore with-outyn more 133

(20)

But who was glad y-nowh but Calkas þo. [leaf 71] 134
And of þis þing ful sone hise nedes leyde.
On hem þat sholden for þe tretis go.
And hem for Antenor ful ofte preyde. 137
To bryng hem kyng Toas and Criseyde
And whan Pryam his saue-gard sente.
The Ambassiatours to Troye streyght þei wente. 140

(21)

The cause y-told of here comynge, the olde. 141
Pryam þe kyng ful soone in general
Let here-vpon his Parlement to holde.
Of which þe effect rehersen yow I shal. 144
Thembassadeurs ben answered for fynal.
Theschaunge of Prisoners and al þis nede.
Hem lykeþ wel. and forth in þey procede. 147

(22)

This Troylus was present in þe place. 148
whan axed was for Antenor Criseyde.
For which ful soone chaungen gan his face.
As he þat with þo wordes wel neygh deyde. 151
But natheles he no word to it seyde.
Lest men sholde his affeccioun espye.
with mannes herte he gan hys sorwes drye. 154

(23)

And ful of angwyssh and of gryely drede. 155
A-bod what lordes wolde vn-to it seye.
And yf þey wolde graunte as god forbede
Theschaunge of here. þan bought he þynges tweye. 158
First how to saue here honour and what weye.
He myghte best þeschaunge of here withstonde.
Ful faste he cast how al þis myghte stonde. 161

(20)

¶ But who was glad ynough but calkas þo 134
And of þis thynge ful soone his nedes layde
On hem þat sholden for þe tretis go
And hem for antenor ful oft preyde 137
To brynge hom kynge Toas & Crisseide
And whan Priam his saue garde sente
Thembassadours to troie streught wente 140

(21)

¶ The cause I-tolde of hire comynge the [leaf 83, back] 141
Priam þe kynge ful soone in general
Let hire-vp-on his parlement to holde
Of which theffect/ rehercen yow I shal 144
Thembassatours ben answerde for fynal
Theschaunge of prisoners and alle þis nede
Hem lyketh wele and forth in they procede 147

(22)

¶ This Troilus was present in þe place 148
whan axed was for antenor Criseyde
For which ful soon chaungen gan his face
as he þat with þo wordes wel neigh dyede 151
But natheles he no worde to hit seyde
List men sholde his affeccioun espye
witht mannes herte he gan hys sorwes drye 154

(23)

¶ And ful of angwish and of grisely drede 155
And what lordes wolde vn-to it seye
And if they wolde graunte as god for-bede
Theschaunge of hir þan thought he thynges tweye 158
First how to saue hire honour and what weye
He myght best theschaunge of hire with-stonde
Ful faste he caste how al thys myght stonde 161

(20)

// But who was glad I-now but calcas þo 134
And of his þyng his nede ful sone helèyde
On hem þat schulde for þe tretys go
And for antenore ful ofte preyede 137
To brynger hem kyng Toas & Crisseide
And whan priam his saf cundwyt hem sent
þeðm-bassatourys to Troye streyt þey went 140

(21)

¶ þ^e cause I-tolde of here comynge olde 141
Priam þ^e kyngys fulle sone in general
Gan þere-vp-on his parlement to holde
Of which þ^e effect rehersyn yow I schal 144
þ^e embassadourys ben answerid for fenal
þ^e chaunge of presoneris & al þis nede
Hem likiþ wel & forþ in þey procede 147

(22)

¶ þis Troilus was present In þe place [leaf 83, back] 148
Whan axed was for Antenore Crisseide
ffor wich ful sone chaunge gan his face
As he þat wel ny with þ^e wordis deyede 151
But napeles[1] he no word to it seyde [[1] þe corrected]
Lest men schulde his affeccioun espye
With mannys herte he gan his sorwe drye 154

(23)

// And ful of anguys & of gresely drede 155
A-bede what lordis wolde to it seye
And ȝif þey wolde graunte as god forbede
þe schaunge of hire þanne þouȝte he þyngis tweye 158
ffyrst to saue hire honour & what weye
He myȝte best þ^e grauntynge with-stonde
þis caste he þo how al þis myȝte stonde 161

(24)

Loue hym made al prest to don hire byde. 162
And raþer dye þan she sholde gon.
But resoun seyde hym on þat oþer syde.
with-oute assent of here do not so. 165
Lest for þi werk she wolde be þi fo.
And seyn þat þorugh þi medlyng is blowe.
Youre bothere loue þere it was erst vnknowe. 168

(25)

For which he gan deliberen for þe beste. [leaf 71, back] 169
That þough þe lordes wolde þat she wente.
He wolde late hem graunte what hem leste.
And telle his lady fyrst what þat þey mente. 172
And whanne þat she hadde seyd hym here entente.
Ther-after wolde he werken also blyue.
Though al þe world ayen it wolde stryue. 175

(26)

Ector which þat wel þe Grekis herde. 176
For Antenor how þey wolde han Criseyde.
Gan it withstonde / and sobrely ans rerede.
Sires she nys no presoner he seyde. 179
I not on yow who þis charge-leyde.
But on my part ye may eft-sone hym telle.
we vsen here no wommen for to selle. 182

(27)

The noyse of peple vp stirte þanne at onys. 183
As breme as blase of straw y-set in fyre.
For infortune it wolde for þe nonys.
They sholde hire confusion desire. 186
Ector quod þey what gost may yow enspire.
This womman þus to shilde & don vs lese.
Daun Antenor / a wrong wey now ye chese. 189

(24)

¶ Loue hym made al prest to don hyre bide 162
And rather dyen than she sholde go
But reson seyde hym on þat other syde
with-outen assente of hire ne do not so 165
leste for þi werke she wolde be þi fo
And seyde þat thorwgh thy medlynge is Iblowe
3oure eyther loue þer it was erst vnknowe 168

(25)

¶ For wich he gan deliberen for the beste 169
That though þe lordes wolde she wente
He wolde lat hem graunte what hem liste
And telle his lady firste what þat they mente 172
And whan þat she had seyde hym hire entente
Ther-efter wolde he werken also blyne
Theigh al þe world azeyn it wolde stryne 175

(26)

¶ Ector which þat wele þe grekes herde 176
For antenor how they wolde han Cryseyde
Gan it with-stonde and sobirly answerde
Sires she nys no prisoner he seyde 179
I not on 3ow who þis þat þis charge laydе
But on my part 3e may eft sones hem telle
we vsen here no wommen for to selle 182

(27)

¶ The noyse of peple vp stirte thanne atones/ [leaf 87] 183
As breme as blase of straw I-set on fyre
For Infortune it wolde for the nones
They sholden hire confusion desire 186
Ector quod they what gost may thow enspire
þis womman þus to afilde and doñ vs lese
Daun antenor / a wrong wey now 3e chese 189

(24)

¶ Loue hym made al prest to don hire bide 162
Or raþere deyen þan sche schilde go
But reson seide hym on þat opere syde
With-oute asent of hire ne do not so 165
Lest for þyn werk sche wolde be þynn fo
And seyn þat þour þyn medelyng is I-blowe
3oure boþeis lóue þere it was erst onknowe 168

(25)

ffor wich he gan deliberyn for þ* beste 169
þat þow þe lordis wolde þat sche wente
He wolde let hem grúnte what hem leste
And telle his lady fyrst what þat þey mente 172
And whan þat sche hadde told hym hire entente
þeraftyr wolde werke also blyþe
þey al þe world a-3en it wolde stryne 175

(26)

¶ Ector with þat wel þe grekis herde 176
ffor antenor how þey wolde han Crisseyde
Gan it withstonde and sobirly answerde
Serys sche is no presoner he seyde 179
I not on 3ow who þat þis charge[1] leyde [1 r later]
But for myn part 3e may eft sone hem telle
We vsyn here no woman for to selle 182

(27)

¶ þe noyse of peple vp sterte þanne atonys [leaf 87] 183
As breme as blase of strawe it set on fere
for infortune wolde for þ* nonys
þey schulde here confusioun desire 186
Ector quod þey what gost may 3ow enspire
þis woman þus to schide & doun vs lese
Daun antenore a wrong woye now 3e chese 189

(28)

That is so wys / and ek so bold baroun.
And we han nede to folk as men may se.
He is ek on þe grettest of þis stown.
O. Ector lat þo fantasyes be.
O kyng Pryam quod þey þus seggen we.
That al oure voys is to for-gon Criseyde.
And to delyueren Antenor þey preyde.

(29)

O Iuuenal lord trewe is þi sentence.
That liten weten folk what is to yerne.
That þey ne fynde in here desir offence.
For cloud of errour / lat hem not desserne.
what best is / and lo here an ensample as yerne.
This folk desiren now delyueraunce.
Of Antenor / þat brought hem to myschaunce.

(30)

For after he was Traytour to the town. [*leaf 72*]
Of Troye, allas þey quyt hym out to rape.
O nyce world / lo þy dyscresion.
Criseyde which þat neuere dede hem skape.
Shal now no lengere in here blysse bape.
But Antenor he shal com hom to towne.
And she shal out / þus seyden here and howne.

(31)

For which was delibered by Parlement.[1] [*1—1 later*]
For Antenor to yelden vp Criseyde.
And it pronuncede by þe precident.
Al-þey þat Ector nay ful ofte preyede.
And fynaly what wyght þat it with-seyde.
It was for nought it moste ben and sholde.
For substaunce of þe parlement it wolde.

(28)

¶ þat is so wis and eke so bolde baroun
And we han nede tolk as men may se
He is ek on þe grettest of this town
O Ector lat tho fantasyes be
O kynge priam quod they þus siggen we
þat al oure vois is to for-gon Criseydé
And to delyneren antenor they preyde

(29)

¶ O Iuuenal lorde trewe is thy sentence
þat litel witen folk what is to ȝerne
þat they ne fynde in hire desire offence
For clouds of errour ne lat hem disterne
what best is and lo here ensaumple as ȝerne
þis folk desiren now delyueraunce
Of antenor þat brought hem to myschaunce

(30)

¶ For he was after traitour to þe town
Of Troie allas they quite hym oute to rathe
O nyce world / lo thy discreciour
Criseyde whiche þat neuere dide hem scathe
Shal now no longewin hire blisse bathe
But antenor he shal com hom to towne
And she shal out þus seyde here and howne

(31)

¶ For whiche delibered was by parlemente
For antenor to ȝelden out Crisseyde
And pronounced by the president
Al-thoigh þat Ector nay ful oft preyde
And finaly what wight þat it with-seyde
It was for noust it most ben and sholde
For substaunce of þe parlement it wolde

(28)

// þat is so wis and ek so bold baroun
And we han nede of folk as men may se
He ek is on þe gretteste of þis toun
O Ector let swiche fantasiȝs be
O king Priam quod þey þus seyde we
þat oure acord is forto forgon Crisseide
And to delyuere antenore þay preyede

(29)

¶ O Iuuenal lord soþ is þyn sentence
þat litil wetyn folk what is to ȝerne
þat þey ne fyndyn in here desyr offence
ffor cloude of errour lat hem not desserne
What best is & lo here ensaumpele as ȝerne
þese folk desiryn now deliberaunce
Of antenor þat brouȝte hem to myschaunce

(30)

// ffor he was afiyr tretour to þey toun
Of troye allas þey quyt hym out to rape
But þus it fel ryȝt in conclusioun
Crisseide wich þat neuere dede hem schape
Schal now no lengere in hyre blysse bape
But antenore he sonal come in to toune
And sche schal out þus seyde here & hounne

(31)

¶ ffor wich delyueryd was by a parlement
To ȝilde a-non-for Antenore Crissoyde
And it pronounced be þe president
Al-þow þat ector nay ful ofte preyede
But fynally what wit þat it with seyde
It was for noust it muste ben an scholde
ffor substaunce of þ' parlement it wolde

(32)

Departed out of Parlement echone. 218
This Troylus with-oute wordes mo.
Vn-to his chaumbre spede hym faste allone.
But yf it were aman of his or two. 221
The whiche he bad out faste for to go.
By cause he wolde slepe as he seyde.
And hastely vp on his bed hym leyde. 224

(33)

And as yn wynter leues ben by-raft. 225
Eche after oþer til þe tre be bare.
So þat þer nys but bark and braunche y-laft.
Lyth Troylus byraft of eche wel-fare. 228
I-bounde in þe blake bark of care.
Disposed wod out of his wit to breyde.
So sore hym sat þe chaungynge of Criseyde. 231

(34)

He rist hym vp and euery dore he shette. 232
And wyndowe ek and þo þis sorweful man.
Vp-on his beddes side a-doun hym sette.
Ful lyk a ded ymage pale and wan. 235
And in his brest þe hepede wo bygan.
Out brest / and he to werkyn in þis wyse.
In his woodnesse. as I shal yow deuyse. 238

(35)

Ryght as þe wylde bole by-gynneth sprynge. [leaf 72, back] 239
Now here now þere I-darted to þe herte.
And of his deth roreth yn compleynynge.
Righ so gan he aboute þe chaumbre sterte. 242
Smytyng his brest ay with his festes smerte.
His hed to þe wal his body to þe grounde.
Ful ofte he swapte him self to confounde. 245

(32)

¶ Departed out of parlement echone 218
This Troilus with-outen wordes mo
Vn-to his chaumbre spedde hym faste allone
But if were aman of his or two 221
The whiche he bad out fast for to go
By cause he wolde slepen as he seyde
And hastely vp on his bed hym layde 224

(33)

¶ And as in wynter leues ben byraft [leaf 59, back] 225
Eche efter other til þe tre be bare
So þat þer nys but bark and braunche ylaft
Lith Troilus byraft of eche welfare 228
Ybounden in þe blak bark of care
Disposed wode out of his wit to brayde
So soore hym sat þe chaungynge of Criseyde 231

(34)

¶ He ryste hym up and euery dore he shette 232
And wyndow ek and tho þis sorwful man
Vp on his beddes syde a-down hym sett
Ful like a dede ymage pale and wan 235
And in his breste þe heped wo bygan
Out brast / and he to werken in þis wyse
In his wodenesse / as I shal ȝow deuyse 238

(35)

¶ Right as þe wilde bole bigynneth sprynge 239
Now here now ther ydarted to þe herte
And of his deth roreth in compleynnynge
Right so gan he aboute þe chaumbre sterte 242
Smytynge his brest ay with his fistes smerte
His hed to þe walle his body to þe grounde
Ful ofte he swapte hym seluen to confounde 245

(32)

¶ Departed out of parlemen echon [leaf 83, back] 218
þis troylus with-outyn wordis mo
Into his chaubere spede him faste alon
But it were a man of his or too 221
þe whiche he dede out faste forto go
Be cause he wolde slepyn as he seyde
And hastely vp on his bed hym leyde 224

(33)

// And as in wyntyr leuys ben beraffte[1] [1 *araffte corrected*] 225
Eche aftyr oþer tyl þe tre be bare
So þat þere nys but bark & braunch I-laste
Lyth troylus be-raft of eche wel-fare 228
I-boundyn in þe blak bark of care
Disposid wod out of his wit to breyde
So sore hym sat þe chaungynge of crisseyde 231

(34)

¶ He rist hym vp & euery dore he schette 232
And wyndowe & / þo þis sorweful man
Vp on his beddys side a-doun hym sette
ffulylyk a ded ymage pale & wan 235
And in his brest þe hepede wo by-gan
Out breste / & he to werkyn on þis wyse
In his distreste as I schal ȝow deuyse 238

(35)

Ryȝt as þe wilde lole gynnyth sprynge 239
Now here now þere departid to þe herte
And on his deþ ryȝt on compleynynge
Ryȝt so gan he a-boute þe chaumbere sterte 242
Smytynge his brest ay with his festis smerte
His hed to þe wal his bodi to þe grounde
fful ofte he schop hym selue to confounde 245

(36)

Hys eyen two for pite of his herte. 246
Out stremeden as swyfte welles tweye,
The heyghe sobbes of his sorwes smerte.
His speche hym rafte vnnepes myght he seye. 249
O deth / allas whi nyltow do me deye.
A-cursed be þe day which þat nature.
Shope me to ben a lyues creature. 252

(37)

But after whan þe furye and þe rage. 253
whiche þat his herte twyste & faste preste.
By lengþe of tyme somwhat gan asswage.
Vp on his bed he leyde hym down to reste. 256
But þo by-gonne his terys more out breste.
That wonder is þe body may suffise.
To half þis wo / which þat I yow deuyse. 259

(38)

Thanne seyde he þus Fortune allas þe while. 260
what haue I. don. what haue I þus a-gilt.
How myghtestow for reuþe me by-gyle.
Is þer no grace and shal I þus be spilt. 263
Shal þus Criseyde a-wey for þat þow wylt.
Allas how maystow yn þin herte fynde.
To ben to me þus cruel and vnkynde. 266

(39)

Haue I þe nought honoured al my lyue. 267
As þow wel woost a-boue þe goddes alle.
why wiltow me fro Ioye þus depryue.
O Troylus what may men þe now calle. 270
But wrecche of wrecches out of honour falle.
In-to myserie yn which I wol by-wayle.
Criseyde allas / til þat þe breth me fayle. 273

(36)

¶ His eyen two for pite of herte 246
out stremeden as swyft welles tweye
þe heigh sobbes of his sorwes smerte
His spech hym refte vnnethes myghte he seye 249
O deth allas why nyl-tow do me deye
A-corsed be þat day whiche þat nature
Shope me to ben a lyues creature 252

(37)

¶ But efter when þe furie and al þe rage 253
which þat his herte twiste and fast threste
By lenghe of tyme som what-gan at-swage
Vp on his bedde he layde hym down to reste 256
But þo bigan his teres more oute breste
þat wonder is þe body may suffise
To half þis wo which þat I ȝow deuyse 259

(38)

¶ Than seyde he þus fortune allas þe while 260
what haue I don what haue I þus a-gilt
How myghtestow for routhe me by-gyle
Is ther no grace and shal I þus be spilte Sine causa 263
Shal þus Criseyde a-wey for þat thow wilt
Allas how maistow in thyn herte fynde
To ben to me þus cruel and vnkynde 266

(39)

¶ Haue þe nought honoured al my lyue [leaf 60] 267
As thow wel woost a-boue þe goddes alle
why wiltow me fro Ioie thus depryue
O Troilus what may men þe now calle 270
But wrich of wriches out of honour falle
Into miserie in whiche I wol biwaille
Criseide allas / til þat þe breth me faille 273

(36)

¶ His eyȝen too for pete of herte 246
So weptyn þat þey semyn welt tweye
þerwith þe sobbis of his sorwis smerte
His speche hym rafte vn-neþe myȝte he seye 249
O deþ allas why nylt þou me to deye
A-cursid he be þat day. with þat nature
Schop me to ben almesse cryctur 252

(37)

¶ But aftyr whan al þis furye & al þis rage [leaf 54] 253
Whiche þat his herte twyste & faste þryst
Be lenthe of tyme sumwhat gan a-swage
Vp on his bed he leyde hym doun to rest 256
But þo be-gusne his teris more out to brest
þat wel oneþe þe body may suffyse
To half þis wo which þat I ȝow deuyse 259

(38)

// þanne seyde he þus fortune allas þe while 260
What haue I don what haue haue I þus agylt
How mayst þu þus for reuthe me begile
Is þere no grace & schal I þus ben spylt 263
Schal þus Crisseyde allas for þat þou wylt
Allas how mayst þou in þyn herte fynde
To ben to me so crewel & onkynde 266

(39)

¶ Haue I not honoured al myn lyue 267
As þou wel wost a-bouyn goddis alle
Whi wilt þou þanne of ioye me depriue
O Troylus what may me now þe calle 270
But wreche of wrechis out of honour falle
In-to myn deþ in which I wele be-wayle
Crisseide allas til þat þe-breþ me fayle 273

(40)

Allas fortune yf þat my lyf yn Ioye. [leaf 73]
Displesed hadde vn-to thy foule enuye.
why ne haddestow my fader kyng of Troye.
By-raft þe lyf on don my breþeren deye.
Or slayn my-self / þat þus compleyne and crye.
I combre world þat may of no þing serue.
But euere dye / and neuere fully sterue.

(41)

Yf þat Criseyde allone were me laft.
Nought rought I whider þow woldest me stere.
And here allas þan hastow me by-raft,
But euere more lo þis is þi manere.
To reue a wyght þat most is to hym dere.
To preue yn þat þi groful violence.
Thus am I lost þere helpeth no defence.

(42)

O verray lord of loue o. god allas.
That knowest best myn herte & al my þought.
what shal my sorwful lyf don in þis cas.
Yf I. for-go þat I so dere haue bought.
Syn ye Cryseyde and me han fully brought.
In-to your grace and hope oure hertes seled.
How may ye suffre allas it be repeles.

(43)

What I may don I. shal whil I may dure.
On lyue in torment and yn cruwel peyne.
This infortune. or þis disauenture.
Allas as I was born y-wys compleyne.
Ne neuere wyl I seen it shyne or reyne.
But ende I wil as Edippe yn derknesse.
My sorwful lyf / and dyen in dystresse.

(40)

¶ Allas fortune if þat my life in Ioie
Displesed hadde vn-to thy foule enuye
whi ne haddestow my fader kyng of Troye
Byraft the life or don my bretheren dye
Or slayn my-self þat þus compleyne and crye
I combre world þat may of no thynge serue
But euere dye and neuere fully sterue

(41)

¶ If þat Criseyde allone were me laft
Nought rought I whidere thow woldest me stere
And hire allas than hastow me biraft
But euere more lo þis is thy manere
To reue a wyght þat moost is to hym dere
To preue in þat thi gerful violence
þus am I lost ther helpeth no defence

(42)

¶ O verre lord o loue o god allas
þat knowest best myn herte and alle my thought
what shal my sorwful lyf don in þis cas
If I for-go þat I so deere haue bought
Syn ȝe Criseyde and me han fully brought
In to ȝour grace / and both oure hertes seled
How may ȝe suffre / allas it be repeled

(43)

¶ what I may don I shal whil I may dure
On lyue in torment and in cruel peyne
þis infortune or this disauenture
Allone as I was borne I wys compleyne
Ne neuere wol I sen it shyne or reyne
But ende I wol as Edippe in derkenesse
My sorwful lyf and dyen in distresse

(40)

// Allas fortune ȝif þat myn lyf in foye
Displesid hadde on-to þyn foule envye
Whi ne haddyst þou myn fadyr kyng of troye
Be-raft þe lyf er þan myne breþeryn deye
Or slayn myn self þat þus compleyne & crye
I combere world þat may of noþyng serue
But alwey deþ & neuere fully sterwe

(41)

¶ ȝif þat Crisseide alone were me left
Nouȝt rouȝte I whedyr þat þou woldist me stere
And hire allas þanne hast þou me be-raft
But euermore lo þis is þyn manere
To reue which þat most is to hym dere
To preue in þat þyn gery violence
þus am I lost þere helpyth non defence

(42)

O werray lous o lord o god allas [leaf 84]
þat knowyn best myn herte & al myn þoust
How schal myn reuful lyf don in þis cas
ȝif I forgo þat I so dere haue boust
Syn ȝe Crisseyde & [1] me han fully broust [1 m corrected]
In to ȝoure grace & hope ȝoure herys selid
How may ȝe sufferyn þat it be repelyd

(43)

// What schal I don I schal whil I may deure
In wo in turnement & in crewel peyne
þis infortune or þis myȝs-auenture
Alone as I was born allas compleyne
Ne neuere whil I it sen schyne or reyne
Ne heuenys lyȝt & þus I in derknes
Myn woful lyf wele endyn for distresse

(44)

O verray gost þat errest to and fro. 302
why nyltow fle out of þe wofulleste.
Body. þat euere myght on grounde go.
O soule lurkynge in þis wo vnneste. 305
Fle forth out of myn herte and lat it breste.
And folwe alwey Criseyde þi lady dere.
Thi righte place is now no lengere here. 308

(45)

O wofulle eyen two syn youre desport. [leaf 73, back] 309
was al to seen Criseydes eyen bryght.
what shal ye don but for my discomfort.
Stondeth for nought / and wepen out youre sight. 312
Syn she is queynt þat wont was yow to lyght.
In veyn fro þis forth haue I eyen tweyne.
y-formed syn youre vertu is a-weye. 315

(46)

O my Criseyde. o. lady souereyne. 316
Of þis woful soule. þat þus crieth.
who shal now yeuen comfort to þe peyne.
Allas no wight but when myn herte dyeth. 319
My spirit / which þat vn-to yow so hyeth.
Receyue in gre / for þat shal ay yow serue.
For-þi no fors is þough þe body sterue. 322

(47)

O ye loueres þat heyhe vpon þe whiel. 323
Ben set. of Fortune yn good auenture.
God leue þat ye fynde ay loue of stel.
And longe mot youre lyf yn loye endure. 326
But whanne ye comen be my sepulture.
Remembreth þat youre felawe resteþ þere.
For I louede ek þough I vnworþi were. 329

(44)

¶ O verrey goost þat errest to and fro 302
whi nyltow flen out of þe wofulleste
Body / þat euere myght on grounde go
O soule lurkynge in þis wo vnneste [i. go out of þi nest] 305
Fle forth out of myn herte and lat it breste
And folow alwey Criseyde þi lady deere
þi right place is now no longer here 308

(45)

¶ O woful eyen two syn ȝoure disporte [leaf 60, back] 309
was al to sen Criseydes eyen bright
what shal ȝe don but for my disconforte
Stonden for naught and wepen out ȝour sighte 312
Syn she is queynte þat was ȝow to lighte
In veyne fro þis forth haue ich eyen Tweye
I-formed / Syn ȝoure vertu is a-weye 315

(46)

¶ O my Criseyde o lady souerayne 316
Of þis woful soule þat þus cryeth
Who shal now ȝeuen confort to þe peyne
Allas no wight / but when myn herte dyeth 319
My spirit which þat so vn-to ȝow hyeth
Receyue in gre / for þat shal ay ȝow serue
For-thy no fors is thought þe body sterue 322

(47)

¶ O ȝe louers þat heighe vp on þe whiel 323
Ben set of fortune in goode auenture
God leue þat ȝe fynde ay loue of stiel
And longe mote ȝoure lyf in loie endure 326
But when ȝe comen by my sepulture
Remembreth þat ȝoure felowe resteth þere
For I loued ek though ich vnworthy were 329

(44)

¶ O werray gost þat erryst to & fro 302
Whi nylt þou fle out of þyn wofullest //
Body þat myȝte on grounde go
O soule lurkynge in þis wonest 305
ffle forþ a-non & do myn herte brest
[1]And folwe alwoy crisseyde thyn lady deere [1—1 1. 307—322, by corrector]
Thyn righte place is no lengere here 308

(45)

// What shulde ye don but for myn disconfort 309
Stondyn for nought & wepyn out ȝoure ye
Syn sche is queynt that wont was yow to disport
In vayn from this forth have I seyn twye 312
I for medycyn youre vertu is a-weye
O crewel eyen sythyn that youre dispyt
Was al to sen Crisseydes eyen bryght 315

(46)

¶ O myn Crisseyde / o lady souereyne 316
O ye ilke woful soule that thus crieth
Ho shal now yeuyn confort to myn peyne
Allas not but whan myn herte deyeth 319
Myn spyrit which that so on-to you hyeth
Resseyve in gre for that shal euere serve
ffor-thy no fors whan that the body sterve[1] 322

(47)

¶ O ȝe loueris þat hey vp on þe [2]whel [leaf 85] 323
Ben set of fortune in good auenture [2 who corrected]
God leue ay þat ȝe fynde loue stel
And longe mote ȝe in loye endeure 326
And whan ȝe comyn to myn sepulture
Re-membrith þat ȝoure felawe restyþ þere
ffor I loued ek þow I onworþy were 329

(48)

O olde vnholsom and mysbyleued man. 330
Calkas I mene. allas what syleth the.
To ben a Grek syn þou art born Troian.
O calkas which þat wilt my bane be. 333
In cursed tyme was þow born for me.
As wolde blysful Ioue for his Ioye.
That I þe hadde where as I wolde in Troye. 336

(49)

A þousand aykes hottere þan þe glede. 337
Out of his brest eche after oþer wente.
Meddles with pleyntes newe his wo to fede.
For which his woful terys neuere stente. 340
And shortly so his peynes hym to rente.
And wex so mat. þat Ioye nor penaunce.
He feleth noon but lyth forth in a traunce. 343

(50)

Pandare whiche þat in the parlement. [leaf 74] 344
Hadde herd what euery Burgeys & lord seyde.
And how ful graunted was by on assent.
For Antenor to yelden so Criseyde. 347
Gan wel neygh wod out of his wit to breyde.
So þat for wo he nyste what he mente.
But yn a res / to Troylus he wente. 350

(51)

A certeyn knyght þat for þe tyme kepte. 351
The chaumbre dore vn-dede it hym a-noon.
And Pandare þat ful tendreliche wepte.
In to þe derke chaumbre as stille as ony ston. 354
Toward þe bed gan softely to gon.
So confus þat he nyst what to seye.
For verray wo / his wit was neigh a-weye. 357

(48)

¶ O olde vnholsom and myslyued man 330
Calkas I mene allas what ayled the
To ben a greke / syn thow ert born troian
O calkas which þat wolt my bane be 333
In cursed tyme was thow borne for me
As wold blisful Iouo for his Ioie
þat I þe hadde wher I wold in Troie 336

(49)

¶ A thousand sikes hottere þan þe glede 337
Out of his breste ech efter othere wente
Medled with pleyntes now his wo to fede
For which his woful teris neuere stente 340
And shortly so hise peynes hym to-rente
And wax so maat þat Ioie or penaunce
He feleth non but lith forth in a traunce 343

(50)

¶ Pandare which þat in þe *parlement* 344
Adde harde / what euery lord and burges seyde
And how ful *graunted* was by oon assente
For antenor to ȝelden so Criseyde 347
Gan wel neigh woode out of his wit to breyde
So þat for wo he nyste what he mente
But in a rees to Troilus he wente 350

(51)

¶ A *certeyn* knyght þat for þe tyme kepte [leaf 61] 351
þe chaumbre dore vndid it hym anon
And Pandare þat ful tendrelych wepte
In to þe derke chaumbre as stille as stone 354
Towarde þe bedde gan softly to gon
So confus þat he nyst what to seye
For *verray* wo his wit was neigh awaye 357

(48)

// O olde onholsom & mysbeleuyd man 330
Calcas I mene allas what aylyth þ^e
To ben a grek syn þou art born troyan
O calcas wych þat wilt myn bane be 333
In cursed tyme was þou born for me
As wolde blysful ioue for his ioye
þat I þe hadde where I wolde in troye 336

(49)

¶ An hunderid sikys hottere þan þ^e glede 337
Out of his bryst eche-aftyr oþer went
Medelid *with* pleyntis newe his wo to fede
þerwith his woful teris neuere stent 340
And schortly so his sorwis so to-rent
And wex so mate þat ioye nor penaunce
He felyth non but lyth forth in a trau[n]ce 343

(50)

// Pandar*us* which þat in þ^e parlement 344
Hadde herd what euery lord & borwis seyde
And how ful graun*t*id was by on asent
for antenore to chaungyn so crisseyde 347
Gan wel ny wod out of his [1]wit to breyde[1]
So þat for wo he nyste what he mente [1—1 corrected, and then yde altered to nt]
But in a res to troylus he wente 350

(51)

¶ A certeyn knyght[2] þat for þ^e tyme kepte [2 first, knyt] 351
þe chaumbere dore vndyr hym a-non
And Pandar*us* þat ful tenderely wepte
In to þis derke chaumbere stylle as ston 354
Toward þ^e bed gan softely to gon
So confeus þat he nyste what to seye
ffor werray wo his wit was al aweye 357

(52)

And with his chere and lokyng al to-torn.
For sorwe of þis. and with his armes folden.
He stod þis woful Troylus byforn.
And on his pitous face he gan byholden.
But Lord so often gan his herte colde.
Seyng his frend in wo / whos heuynesse.
His herte slow as þought hym for distresse

(53)

This woful wight / þis Troylus þat felte.
His frend Pandare y-comen hym to se.
Gan as þe snow a-yen þe sonne melte.
For wyych þis sorwful Pandare of pyte.
Gan for to wepe as tendrelyche as he.
And specheles þus ben þis ilke tweye.
That neyther myghte o word for sorwe seye.

(54)

But at þe laste þis woful Troylus.
Ney ded for smert gan bresten out to rore.
And with a sorwful noyse he seyde þus.
Among his sobbes and his sikes sore.
Lo Pandare I am ded with-outen more.
Hastow nought herd at parlement he seyde.
For Antenor how lost is my Criseyde.

(55)

This Pandarus ful dede and pale of hewe. [leaf 78, back]
Ful pytously answerede and seyde yis.
As wysly were it fals as it is trewe.
That I haue herd and wot al how it is.
O mercy god who wolde haue trowed þis.
who wolde haue wend þat yn so lytel a prowe.
Fortune oure Ioye wolde han ouer-prowe.

(52)

¶ And with his chere and lokynge al to-torn
For sorwe of þis and with his armes folden
He stode þis woful Troilus biforn
And on his pitous face he gan biholden
But lord so soft gan his herte colden
Seynge his frend in wo whos heuynesse
His herte slough as thoughte hym for distresse

(53)

¶ þis woful witht þis Troilus þat felte
his frend Pandare y-comen hym to se
Gan as þe snow azein þe sonne melte
For which þis sorwful Pandare of pite
Gan for to wepe ás tendrelich as he
And specheles this ben thise ilke tweye
þat neither myght a worde for sorw seye

(54)

¶ But at þe laste this woful Troilus
Neigh ded for smerte gan bresten out to rore
And with a sorwful noise he seyde thus
Amang hise sobbes and his sikes sore
Lo Pandare I am ded with-outen more
Hastow nat herd at parlement he seyde
For antenor how loste is my Criseyde

(55)

¶ þis Pandarus ful ded and pale of hewe
Ful pitously answerde and seyde yis
As wisly were it fals as it is trewe
That I haue herde and woot al how it is
O mercy god who wold haue trowed þis
who wold haue wende þat in so litál a throwe
Fortune oure Ioie wold haue ouer throw

(52)

¶ But with his chere & lokyng al to-torne [leaf 83, back]
Ny ded for wo & with his armys foldyn [? MS. dede]
He stod þis sorweful Troilus a-forne
And on his pitous face he gan be-holden
And lord so oftyn gan his herte coldyn
Seinge his frend In woo whos heuynesse
His herte slow as þouste hym for distresse

(53)

þis woful wizt þis troylus þat felt
His frend Pandarus was comyn him to se
Gan as þ^e snow a-gen þ^e sunne to melt
ffor which þis sorweful Pandarus of pete
Gan for to wepe as entirely as he
And specheles þus ben þese-ilke tweye
þat neyþer-myste a word for sorwe seye

(54)

¶ But at þ^e laste þis woful Troilus
ffor crowel smert gan brestyn out to rore
And with sorweful noyse he seyde þus
Among his sobbis & his sowis[2] sore [2 w corrected]
Lo Pandare I am ded with-oute more
Hast þow not herd at parlement he seyde
ffor antenore how lost is myn Crisseyde

(55)

// þis pandarus ful ded & pale of hew
fful pitously / answerde & seyde þus
As wisely were it fals at it is trewe
þat I haue herd we wote alle how it is
O mercy lord ho wolde a trowid þis
Who wolde a went þat in so lytil a throwe
ffortune oure ioye wolde han ouer-throwe.

(56)

For yn þis world þere is no creature.
Als to my dom þat euere saw ruyne.
Straungere þan þis borugh cas or auentyre
But who may al eschewe or al deuyne.
Swych is þis world. for-þi I þus defyne.
Ne trust no wyght to fynden in Fortune.
Ay propreto. his yeftes ben comune.

(57)

But tel me þis whi þou art now so mad.
To sorwen þus. why listow in þis wyse.
Syn þi desir al holly hastow had.
So þat by right it oughte y-now suffise.
But I þat neuere felte in my seruyse.
A frendly chere or lokyng of an eye.
Let me þus wepe an wayle til I dye.

(58)

And ouer al þis / as þow wel wost þi-selue.
This town is ful of ladyes al aboute.
And to my dom fairere þan swych twelue.
As euere she was shal I fynde yn som route.
Ye oone or two with-outen any doute.
For-þi be glad myn owen dere broþer.
If she be lost. we shul recouere anoþer.

(59)

What god for-bede alwey þat eche plesaunce.
In o þyng were and noon oþer wyght.
Yf oon kan synge a noþer kan wel daunce.
Yf þis be goodly she is glad and lyght.
And þis is fayr and þat kan good aright.
Ech for his vertu holden is for dere.
Boþe heroner and faukon of ryuere.

(56)

¶ For in þis worlde ther is no creature
As to my dome þat euere saugh ruyne
Straunger þen þis thorwgh cas or auenture
But who may al eschewe or al deuyne
Swich is þis world for-þi I þus deffyne
Ne truste no wight to fynden in fortune
Ay properte / hire giftes ben comune

(57)

¶ But tel me þis why thow art now so mad [leaf 61, back]
To sorwen þus why listow in þis wyse
Syn þi desire al holly hastow had
So þat by right it ought ynough suffise
But I þat neuere falt in my seruyse
A frendly chere or lokynge of ani eye
Let me þus wepe and waylen til I dye

(58)

¶ And ouer al þis as thow wel woost þi selue
þis town is ful of ladis al aboute
And to my doom fayrer þan swich twelue
As euere she was / shal I fynden in som route
Ye oon or two with-outen any doute
For-þi be glad myn owen deere brother
If she be lost we shal recouere a-nother

(59)

¶ what god forbede alwey þat ech plesaunce
In o thynge were and in noon other wight
If on kan synge a nother kan wel daunce
If þis be goodly she is glad and light
And þis is fair and þat kan goode a-right
Ech for his vertu holden is for deere
Both heroner and faucoun for ryuere

(56)

¶ O in þis world þere nys no cryature
As to myn dom þat euere sau ruyne
Strengere þan þis þour cas or auenture
But who may al eschewe or al deuyne
Wich is þis world forþy I þus defyne
Ne trust ne wit to fyndyn in fortune
Ay properete his ziftys[1] ben comune [[1] *s corrected from* n]

(57)

¶ But telle me þis whi þu art now so mad [leaf 82]
To sorowe þus whi list þou in þis wise
Syn þyn desyr al holly hast þou had
So þat be ryzt It aujte I-now suffyse
But I þat neuere fond in myn seruyse
A frendely cher or schaungyng of an eye
Let me þus wepe & wayle wil I deye

(58)

// And ouer al þis as þow wel wost þyn selue
þis toun is ful of ladijs al aboute
And to myn dom fayrere þan sweche twelue
As euere sche was schal I fynde in a route
3a to or þre with-outyn eny doute
for-þy be glad myn owene dere broþer
3if sche be lost we schal rekeuere a noþer

(59)

¶ What god forbede alwoy þat eche plesaunce
In o þyng were & in non oþer wijt
What on can synge a noþer can wel daunce
3if þis is fayr sche þat can good & ryzt
3if þis is goodly þat is glad & lyzt
Iche for his vertu holdyn is for dere
Bope [2]Goshauk[2] / & faucoun of ryuere [[2–2] *by corrector*]

(60)

And ek as writ zauzis þat was ful wys. [leaf 75] 414
The newe loue out cacheth ofte þe olde.
And vp-on newe cas lyth newe auys.
Thenk ek þi self to saue þow art holde. 417
Swych fyr by proces shal of kynde colde.
For syn it is but casuel plesaunce.
Som cas shal putte it out of remembraunce. 420

(61)

For al so seur as day cometh after nyght. 421
The newe loue / labour or oþer wo.
Or ellys selde seynge of a wyght.
Don olde affeccions al ouer go. 424
And for þi part þow shalt haue one of þo.
To abrigge with þi bittre peynes smerte.
Absence of here shal dryue here out of herte. 427

(62)

This wordes seyde he for þe nones alle. 428
To helpe his frend lest he for sorwe deyde.
For douteles to don his sorwe to falle.
He rought not what vnthryf he seyde. 431
But Troylus þat neigh for sorwe deyde.
Tok litel hed of al þat euere he mente.
Oon eere it herde. at þe oþer out it wente. 434

(63)

But at þe laste he answered and seyde a frend. 435
This lechecraft. or heled þus to be.
were wel sittyng if þat I were a fende.
To trassen here þat trewe is vnto me. 438
I pray to god lat þis consayl neuere þe.
But do me rathere a-noon sterue right here.
Er I þus do / as þow me woldest lere. 441

(60)

¶ And ek as writ zauzis þat was ful wis 414
þe new loue oute chaceth oft þe olde
And vp on newé cas lith a newe a-uys
Thynke ek þi lif to sauen ertow holden 417
Swich fire by processe shal of kynde colden
For syn it is but casuel plesaunce
Som cas shal putte it oute of remembraunce 420

(61)

¶ For also seur as day cometh after nyght 421
þe new loue / labour or other wo
Or elles selde seynge of a wight
Don olde affeccions alle ouer go 424
And for þi part thow shal haue oon of two
Tabrigge with þi bittre peynes smerte
Absens of hire shal dryue hire out of herte 427

(62)

¶ þese wordes seyde he for þe noones alle 428
To helpe his frende list he for sorwe dyed
For douteles to don his wo to falle
He rought nought what vnthrift þat he seyde 431
But Troilus þat neigh for sorw dyed
Took litel hede of alle þat euere he mente
Oon ere it herde attother out it wente 434

(63)

¶ But atte last answerde and seyde frende [leaf 62] 435
þis lechecraft or heled thus to be
were wel sittynge if þat I were a fend
To traysen a wight þat trewe is vn-to me 438
I preye god let þis counseyle neuere I-the
But do me rather sterue a-non right here
Er I þus do as thow me woldest leere 441

(60)

// And ek as writ zauzis þat was ful wise 414
þe newe loue out schakyth ofte þe olde
And vp-on newe cas lyth a newe auyse
And þyng þyn lyf to saue or þou olde 417
Swich fyre be proces schal be kynde colde
We schal sen it. is but aunsel plesaunce
Sum cas schal putte it out of remembrance 420

(61)

¶ ffor al so seur as day comyth aftyr nyȝt 421
þe newe loue labour or oþer wo
Or ell selde seinge of a wyȝt
Don olde effecciounys alle ouergo 424
And for þi parte þou schat have on of tho
To abregge þynne bittere peynys smerte
Absence of hire schal dryue it out of herte 427

(62)

¶ þese wordis seyde he for þe nonys alle [leaf 86, back] 428
To helpe his frend lest he for sorwe deyede
ffor douteles to make his sorwe to falle
He rouȝte not what onþryft þat he seyde 431
But troylus þat ny for sorwe deyede
Tok lytyl hed of al þat euere he ment
On ere it herde at þe oþer out it went 434

(63)

// But at þe laste he answerde & seyde frend 435
þis lechecraft or helid þus to be
Were wel sittynge ȝif þat I were a frend
To trostyn hire þat trowis on to me 438
I preye god lat þis conseyl neuere be
But do me raþere sterue a-non ryȝt here
Or I do as þou woldyst me lere 441

(64)

She þat I serue ywys what so þow seye. 442
To whom myn her enhabyt is by right.
Shal han me holly heres til þat I deye.
For Pandarus syn þat I haue trouþe here hight. 445
I wol not ben vntrewe for no wyght.
But as here man I wole ay lyue and sterue.
And neuere oþer creature serue. 448

(65)

And þere þow seyst thow shalt as faire fynde. [If 75, bk] 449
As she. lat be / make no comparyson.
To creature y-formed here by kynde.
O leue Pandare in conclusion. 452
I wol not be of þyn opynyon.
Towchyng al þis / for whiche I þe bysecche.
So hold þi pes / þow sleste me wiþ þi speche. 455

(66)

Thow biddest me I sholde loue an oþer. 456
Al fresshly newe and lat Criseyde go.
It lith not in my power leue broþer.
And þough I myght I wil not do so. 459
But kanstow pleyen raket to and fro.
Nettle In dokke out now this / now þat Pandare.
Now fowle falle here þat for þi wo [1] hath [1] care. [[1—1] hath is in corrector's hand.]

(67)

Þow farest ek by me þow Pandarus. 463
As he þat whan a wyght is wo-by-gon.
He cometh to hym a pas / and seyth right þus.
Thenk not on smert and þow shalt fele noon. 466
Thow most me first transmuwen in a ston.
And reue me my passions alle.
Er thow so lightly do my wo to falle. 469

(64)

¶ She þat I serue I-wis what so thow seye 442
To whom myn herte enhabit is by right
Shal han me holly hires til þat I dye
For Pandarus syn I haue trowthe hire hight 445
I wol nat ben vntrow for no wight
But as hire man I wole ay lyue and sterue
And neuere other creature serue 448

(65)

¶ And þer thow seist thow shalt as faire fynde 449
As she / lat be / make no comparisoun
To creature yformed here by kynde
O leue Pandare in conclusyoun 452
I wol not ben of thyn opynyoun
Touchynge al þis for whiche I þe beseche
So holde þi pees thow slest me with þi speche 455

(66)

¶ Thow biddest me I sholde loue a nother 456
Alle freshly newe and lat Criseyde go
It lith nat in my Power leue brother
And though I myghte I wol not do so 459
But kanstow pleyen raket to and fro
Nettle in dokke out now þis now þat Pandare
Now foule falle hire for þiswo and care 462

(67)

¶ Thow fairest ek by me thow Pandarus 463
As he þat whan a wight is wo-by-gon
He cometh to hym a paas and seith right thus
Thynke nat on smerte and thow shalt fele noño 466
Thow moost me first transmuwen in a stoon
And reue me my passiouns alle
Er thow so lightly do my wo to falle 469

(64)

¶ Sche þat I serue I-wis what so þou seye 442
To whom myn herte enabitid is þour ryȝt
Schal ha me holy his þat I deye
What pandarus seþ I haue here be-hyȝt 445
I wele not ben ontrewe to no wyȝt
But as hire man I wele ay leue & sterue
And neuere oþer cryature serue 448

(65)

// And þere þou seyst þou schat as fayre fynde 449
As sche let be mak non comparisoun
To criateure I-formyd hire be kynde
O leue Pandarus lef þyn conclusioun 452
I nyl not ben of þyn opynyoun
To chonge þus for-þi I þe beseche
So held þyn pes þou slest me with þyn speche 455

(66)

¶ þou biddyst me I schulde loue anoþer 456
Al fresschely newe & lete crysseyde go
It leyth not in myn power leue broþer
And þow I myȝte I nulde not don so 459
But canstu pleye raket to & fro
Nettil in dokke out now þis now þat pandare
Now foule falle hire for þyn wo þat care 462

(67)

¶ þow farst ek by me pandarus [leaf 57] 463
As he þat whan a man is wo-be-gon
He come to him a pas & seyde þus
þynke not on smert & þou schat fele non 466
þu muste me fyrst transmute in to a ston
And reue me mynne pascionnys alle
Or þow so lyȝtely do myn wo to falle 469

(68)

The deth may wel out of my brest departe. 470
The lyf. so longe may þis sorwe myne.
But fro my sowle shal Crisoyde darte.
Out neuere mo / but down wiþ proserpyne. 473
whan I am ded I wol go wone in pyne.
And þer I wol eternally compleyne.
My wo / and how þat twynned be we tweyne. 476

(69)

Thow hast here mad an argument for fyn. 477
How þat it sholde a lasse peyne be.
Crisseyde to for-gon for she was myn.
And leue in ese and yn felicite. 480
whi gabbestoy þat seydest þus to me.
That hym is wors þat is fro wele y-browe.
Than he hadde erst non of þat wele knowe. 483

(70)

But tel me now syn þat þe thenketh so lyght. [Leaf 76] 484
To chaungen so in loue ay to and fro.
whi hastow not don bysyly þi myght.
To chaungen hore þat doth þe al þi wo. 487
Why neltow lete here fro þyn herte go.
why nyltow loue an oþer lady swete.
That may þin herte setten in quyete. 490

(71)

Now hast had in loue ay yet myschaunce. 491
And kanst it not out of þyn herte dryue.
I þat leuede yn luste and in plesaunce.
with here as mache as creature on lyue. 494
How sholde I þat forȝete and þat so blyue.
O where hastow ben hid so longe in mouwe.
That kanst so wel and formely arguwe. 497

(68)

¶ þe deth may wel out of my brest departe 470
þe lyf / so longe may þis sorw myne
But fro my soule shal Crisoyde darte
Out neuer mo / but down with proserpyne 473
Whan I am dede I wol go wone in pyne
And þer I wol eternally compleyne
My wo / and þat twynned be we tweyne 476

(69)

¶ Thow hast here made an argument for fyne [Leaf 96, bk] 477
How þat it shold lasse peyne be
Crisseyde to for-gon for she was myne
And lyued in ese and in felicite 480
why gabbestow þat seydest vn-to me
þat hym is wers þat is fro wel I-browe
þan he hadde erst non of þat wele y-knowe 483

(70)

¶ But tel me now syn þat the thynketh so lyght 484
To chaungen so in loue ay to and fro
Why hastow nat doon bysily thy myghte
To chaungen hire þat doth þe al þi wo 487
why nyltow lete hire fro þin herte I-go
why nyltow loue a nother lady swete
þat may þin herte setten in quiete 490

(71)

¶ If thow hast hadde in loue ay ȝet meschaunce 491
And kast it nought oute of thyn herte dryue
I þat lyuede in luste and in plesaunce
With hire as much as creature on lyue 494
How shold I þat forȝete and þat so blyue
O wher hastow ben so longe hyde in mouwe
þat kanst so wel and formeliche argue 497

(68)

// Myn doþ may wel out of myn brest departe 470
þe lyf so longe may myn sorwe myne
But fro myn soule schal crisseid darte
Out neuere mo but out with proserpyne 473
Whan I am ded I wele go wenn in peyne
And þere I wele eternally compleyne
þis wo / & þanne tweynnyd be we tweyne 476

(69)

¶ þou hast here mad an argument ful fyne 477
How þat I schulde alwa pleyne me
Crisseyde for to forgon for eche was myn
And lyuyn in ese & in felicite 480
Whi gabbist þou þou seydist þus to me
þat him is wers þat is from wele I-browe
þan he hadde erst non of þat wele I-knowe 483

(70)

// But sey me þis sithe þat þ pynkith so lyȝt 484
To chau[n]ge ay so in loue to & fro
Why hast þou not busyed þyn myȝt
To chongyn hire þat doþ þe al þis wo 487
Why nylt þou lette hire from þyn herte go
Why nylt þou loue a noþer lady swete
þat may þyn herte sette / in quyete 490

(71)

¶ ȝit þou hast had in loue ay ȝit myschaunce 491
And canst it not ȝit from þyn herte dryf
I þat hauede in loue & in plesaunce
With hire as meche as cryatour on lyf 494
How schulde I þat forȝete & þat so blyf
Or where hast þou ben hid so longe in mewe
þat canst so wel & formaly argewe 497

(72)

Nay god wot nought worth is al þi red.. 498
For which / for what þat euere may by-falle.
with-outen wordes mo I wol be ded.
O deth þat enders art of sorwes alle. 501
Com now / syn I so ofte after þe calle.
For sely is þat deth soth for to seyne.
That ofte yeleped cometh and endeth peyne. 504

(73)

Wel wot I whil my lyf was in quyete. 505
Er þow me slowe .I. wolde haue yeuen here.
But now þi comynge is to me so swete.
That in þis world I no þing so desire. 508
O deth ayn with þis sorwe I am a fyre.
Thou oþer do me anoon yn þis teris drenche.
Or with þi colde strok myn herte quenche. 511

(74)

Syn þat þow sleest so fele in sondry wyse. 512
A-yens hire wil vnpreyed day and nyght.
Do me at my requeste þis seruice.
Delyuere now þe world so dostow right. 515
Of me þat am þe wofullest wyght.
That euere was for tyme is þat I serue.
Syn in þis world of right nought may .I. serue. 518

(75)

This Troylus in teris gan distille. [leaf 78, back] 519
As licour of a lambyc ful fraste.
And Pandarus gan holde his tunge stille.
And to þe ground his eyen doun he caste. 522
But natheles þus thought he at þe laste.
what parde raþer þan my felawe deye.
Yet shal I som-what more vn-to it seye. 525

(72)

¶ Nay god woote nought worthi is al þi feede 498
For which for what þat euere may be-falle
With-outen wordes mo I wol be dede
O deth þat enders ert of sorwes alle 501
Com now syn I so ofte after þe calle
For sely is þat deth soft for to seyne
That oft I-cleped cometh and endeth peyne 504

(73)

¶ wel wote I whil my lif was in qui[e]te 505
Er thow me slewe I wolde haue yeuen hire
But now þi comynge is to me so sweete
þat in þis world I no thynge so desire 508
O deth ayn with þi sorw I am a-fire
Thow outher do me a-non in teres drenche
Or with cold strooke myn heete quenche 511

(74)

¶ Syn þat thow slest so fele in sondry wyse 512
Ayeyns hire wil vn-preyed day and nyghte
Do me at my requeste this seruyse
Deliuere now þe world so dostow right 515
Of me / þat am þe wofullest wight
þat euere was / for tyme is þat I sterue
Syn in þis world of nought may serue 518

(75)

¶ This troilus in teres gan distille [leaf 83] 519
As licour out of a lambic ful faste
And Pandarus gan hold his tunge stille
And to þe grounde his eyen don he caste 522
But natheles thus thought he at þe laste
what parde rather þan my felawe deye
3et shal I somwhat more vn-to hym seye 525

(72)

¶ Nay Pandarus not worth is al þis red [leaf 97, back] 498
But doutcles for oust þat may be-falle
With-outyn wordis mo I wole ben ded
O deþ þat ender art of sorwis alle 501
Come now ayn I so ofte aftyr þ^e calle
ffor sely is þat deþ soþ for to seyn
þat ofte I-clepid comyþ & endith peyn 504

(73)

// Wel I wot whil myn lyf was in quiete 505
Or deþ me slow I wolde a 3euyn here
But now his comyng is to me so swete
þat in þis world I noþyng so desyre 508
O deþ aith þat with þis sorwé I am onfere
þou oþer do me a-non in teris drenche
Or with þyn colde strok myn herte quenche 511

(74)

¶ Sithe þat þou slest so fele in sundery wyse 512
A-gens here wil onpreyed day & nyȝt
Do me at myn request þis seruyse
Delyuere þ^e world þan dost þou gret ryȝt 515
Of me þat am þ^e wofulleste wyȝt
þat euere was for tyme is þat I sterwe
Sithe in þis world of ryȝt nouȝt may I serue 518

(75)

// þis Troilus in teris gan distille 519
As licour out of a lambic ful faste
And Pandarus gan helde his tunge stylle
And to þ^e ground his eyȝeyn doun he cast 522
But na-þ^e-les þus þouȝte he at þe last
Whät parde raþere þan my felawé deye
3it schal I more / sumwhat to hym seye 525

(76)

And seyd frend syn þow hast swych distresse. 526
And syn þow list myn argumentȝ blame.
why nylt þi self helpen don redresse.
And with þy manhod letten al þis grame. 529
To rauysshe here, ne kanstow not for shame.
And oþer lat here out of towne fare.
Or hold here stille, and leue þi nyce fare. 532

(77)

Artow in Troye and hast noon hardiment. 533
To take a womman which þat loueth þe.
And wolde here seluen be of þyn assent.
Now is not þis a nyce vanyte. 536
Rys vp anoon, and lat þis wepynge be.
And kyth þow art a man for-yn þis owre.
I wil be ded or she shal bleuen oure. 539

(78)

To this answerede hym Troylus ful softe. 540
And seyde parde leue broþer dere.
Al þis haue I my self yet þought ful ofte.
And more þyng þan þow deuysest here. 543
But whi þyng is laft þow shalt wel here.
And whan þow me hast yeue an audience.
Ther-after mayst þow telle all þi sentence. 546

(79)

Fyrst syn þow wost þis town hath al þis werre. 547
For rauysshyng of wommen so my myght.
It sholde not be suffred me to erre.
As it stant now / ne don so gret vnright. 550
I sholde han also blame of euery wyght.
My fadres graunt yf þat I so withstode.
Syn she is chaunged for þe townes goode. 553

(76)

¶ And seyd frende syn thow haste swich distresse 526
And syn þe list myn argumentȝ to blame
why nyl thy seluen helpen don retresse
And with þi manhod letten al þis grame 529
Go rauyshe hire ne kanstow nought for shame
And outher lat hire out town faire
Or hold hire stille and leue þi nyce fare 532

(77)

¶ Artow in troye and hast non hardimente 533
To tak a womman which þat loueth the
And wold hire seluen ben of thyn assente
Now is nat þis a nyce vanyte 536
Rise vp a-non and lat þis wepynge be
And right thow ert a man for in þis houre
I wol ben dede or she bleuen oure 539

(78)

¶ To this answerde hym Troylus ful soft 540
And seyde parde leue brother deere
Al this haue I my self ȝet thought ful oft
And more thynge þan thow deuysest here[his] 543
But why þis thynge is laft thow shalt wel here[endire]
And when thow me hast ȝeuen an audience
þer-after maistow telle alle þi sentence 546

(79)

¶ First syn thow woost þis town hath alle þis werre 547
For rauysshyng of wommen so by nyght
It shold nought be suffred me to erre
as it stant now / ne don so grete vnright 550
I sholde han also blame of euery wyght
My fadres graunte If that I so with-stode
Syn she is chaunged for þe townes goode 553

(76)

¶ And seyde frend syn þow hast swich distresse 526
And sithe þ° lust myn argument to blame
Whi nylt þyn selue helpe to don redresse
And with þyn manhod lettyn al þis grame 529
Go rauysch hire canst þou not for schame
And oþer lat hire of þ° toun fare
Or hold hire stylle & lef þyn grete care 532

(77)

¶ Art þou in troye & hast þou none hardy-men [illegible] 533
A woman wich þat loueth þe
And wolde hire self ben at þyn assen
Now is þis not a nyse vanyte 536
Rys vp a-non & lat þis sorwe be
And kyþe þou art a man for in þis houre
I wele be ded or sche beleuyn oure 539

(78)

// To þis answerde troylus ful softe 540
And seyde parde leue broþer dere
Al þis haue I myn selue þouȝt ful ofte
And more þyng þan þow demys here 543
But why þis þyng is lest þou schat wel here
And whan þou me hast ȝeue an audience
þeraftyr mayst þou tellyn þyn sentence 546

(79)

¶ fyrst syn þou wist þis toun haþ al þis werre 547
Of rauaschyng of wemen so by myȝt
It schulde not be sufferid me to erre
As it stont now ne don so gret onryȝt 550
I schulde also han blame of euery wyȝt
Myn faderis graunt if þat I so with-stode
Sithe sche is chaungid for þe tounys goode 553

(80)

I haue ek bought so it were here assent [leaf 71] 554
To aske hire at my fader of his grace.
Thanne penk I þis were here accusement.
Syn wel I wot I may here not purchace. 557
For syn my fader in so heigh a place.
As parlement hath here eschaunge enseled.
He nyl for me his lettre be repeled. 560

(81)

Yet dredè I most herè herte to pertourbe. 561
with violence yf I do swych a game.
For yf I wolde it openly distourbe
It most ben disclaundre to here name. 564
And me were leuere ded þan here defame.
As nold god but yf I sholde haue.
Here honour leuere þan my lyf to saue. 567

(82)

Thus am I lost for ought þat I kan se. 568
For certeyn is syn þat I am here knyght.
I moste here honour leuere han þan me.
In euery cas as louere oughte of right. 571
Thus am I with desir and reson twyght.
Desir for to distourben here me redeth.
And reson nyl not so myn herte dredeþ. 574

(83)

Thus wepynge þat he koude neuere cesse. 575
He seyde allas how shal I wreche fare
For wel fele I alway my loue encresse.
And hope is lasse and lasse alway Pandare. 578
Encresen ek þe causes of my care.
So wela-way whi nyl myn herte breste.
For as in loue / þer is but litel reste. 581

(80)

¶ I haue ek thought so it were hire assente 554
To axe hire at my fader of his grace
þan thynke I thys were hire acusemente
Syn wel I woot I may hire nought purchace 557
For syn my fader in so heigh a place
As parlement / hath hire eschaunge enseled
He nyl for me his lettre be repelled 560

(81)

¶ Yet dredè I most hire herte to [1]pertorbe [leaf 83, back] 561
with violence If I do swich a game [1 þ has a dash under, = per]
For if I wolde it openly distorbe
It moost be disclandre to hire name, 564
And me were leuere ded than hire defame
As nold god but if I sholde haue
thire honour leuere þan my lif to saue 567

(82)

¶ þus am I lost for ought þat I kan se 568
For certein is syn þat I am hire kynyght
I most hire honour leuere han þan me
In euery cas as louers aught of righte 571
þus am I in desire and reson twyght
Desire for to distourben hire me redeth
And reson nyl so myn herte dredeth 574

(83)

¶ þus wepynge þat he koude neuere cesse 575
He seyde allas how shal I wriche fare
For wel fele I alway my loue encresce
And hope is lasse and lasse alway Pandare 578
Encresen ek þe causes of my care
So waylawey why nyl myn herte breste
For as in loue þer is but litel rest 581

(80)

// I haue ek þouȝt ȝif it were hire asent 554
To aske hire myn fadyr of his grace
þan þynke I þis were hire acusament
Syn wel I wot I may not hire purchase 557
ffor sen myn fadyr in so hey a plase
As parlement hap hire chaunge enselid
He nil not for me his honour ben repelid 560

(81)

¶ ȝit dredè I moste hire herte to perturbe 561
With vyolence ȝif I do swych a game
ffor ȝif I wolde it openly distorbe
It mot ben disclaundyr to hire name 564
And were leuere ben ded þan hire defame
As nolde god but ȝif I schulde haue
Hyre honour leuere þan myn lyf to saue 567

(82

þus am I lost for ouȝt þat I can se [leaf 83, back] 568
ffor serteyn sithe þat I am hire knyȝt
I haue honour leuere ȝit þan me
Hadde in euery cas as louers ouȝte on ryȝt 571
þus am I with desyr & reson twyȝt
Desyr for to disturbe hire men me redyth
And reson nyl not so myn[1] herte dredip [1 y corrected] 574

(83)

// So wepynge þat he ȝoude neuere to seche 575
He seyde allas how schal I wreche fare
ffor wel fele I myn loue alwey encresep
And hope is lasse & lasse alway pandare 578
Encresyn ek þ* causis of myn care
So welleawey whi nyl myn herte to brest
ffor whi in loue is litil hertis rest 581

(84)

Pandare answerede frend þow mayst for me. 582
Don as þe list / but haddé ich it for hote.
And þyn estat / she sholde go with me.
Though al þis town criede on þis þyng by note. 585
I nold sette at al þat noyse a grote.
For when men han wel cried þan wol þey rowne.
A wonder last but ix. nyght neuere yn towne. 588

(85)

Deuyne not in reson ay so depe. [leaf 77, back] 589
Ne curteysly. but help þi self anoon.
Bet is þat oþere þan þi self wepe.
And namly syn ye two ben al oon. 592
Rys vp for by myn hed she shal not gon.
And raþere be in blame a litel y-founde.
Than sterue here as a gnat with-owte wounde. 595

(86)

It is no shame to yow ne no vice. 596
Here to with-holden. þat ye loueth most.
Paraunter she myght holden þe for nyce.
To late here go þus. vn-to þe Grekes ost. 599
Thenk ek Fortune as wel þi seluen wost.
Helpeþ hardy man to his emprise.
And weyueth wreeches / for here cowardise. 602

(87)

And þough þi lady wolde a litel here greue. 603
Thow shalt þi pes ful wel here-after make.
But as for me certayn I. kan not leue.
That she wolde it as now for yuel take. 606
whi sholde þanne of fered þyn herte quake.
Thenk ek how Parys hath þat is þi broþer.
A loue. and whi shaltow not haue a noþer. 609

(84)

¶ Pandare answerde frend thow mayst for me 582
Don as þe lest / but haddé ich it so hoote
and thyn estate she sholde go with me
Though al þis town cryed on þis thynge by note 585
I nold sette at al þat noyse a grote
For when men han wel cryed þan wol they rowne
Ek wonder last but ix nyght neuere in towne 588

(85)

¶ Deuyne nat in reson ay so depe 589
Ne curtaisly but helpe þi self a-non
Bet is þat othere þan þi seluen wepe
And namely syn ȝe two ben al oone 592
Rise vp / for by myn hed she shal not gon
And rather be in blame a lite I-founde
þan sterue here as a gnat with-outen wounde 595

(86)

¶ It is no shame vn-to ȝow ne no vyce 596
Hire to with-holden þat ye loueth most
Paraunter she myght holden þe for nyce
To laten hire go þus vn-to þe grekes oost 599
Thynk ek fortune as wel þi-seluen wooste
Helpeth hardy man vn-to his emprise
And weyneth wreches for hire cowardyse 602

(87)

¶ And though thy lady wolde a lite hire greue [leaf 64] 603
Thow shalt þiself þi pees here-after make
But as for me certein I kan not leeue
þat she wolde it a now for euel take 606
why shold þanne of fered thyn herte quake
Thynk ek how Paris hath þat is þi brother
A loue / and why shaltowe not haue a nothe 609

(84)

¶ Pandare answerede frend þou mayst for me 582
Don as þe lust but haddé I it so hote
And þyn estat / sche schulde gon with me
þow al þis toun cryed on þis þyng with note 585
I nylde sette at al þa noyse a grote
ffor whan men han wel cryed let hem roune
ffor wondyr lestyþ but nyne dayis in tounne 588

(85)

// Deuyne not in resoun ay so depe 589
Ne preciously but help þynself a-non
Betere it is þat oþere þan þynself wepe
And namelich syþe ȝe to ben alle on 592
Rys vp for be myn hod sche schal not gon
And raþere be lytil in blame I-founde
þat sterue hire as a gnatte[1] with-oute wonde [1 n. altered] 595

(86)

¶ It is no iape / in myn dom ne vice 596
Hire to withholdyn þat ȝe louyn most
Paraunty r sche / may holde þe for nyce
To letyn hire gon / in-to þe grekys ost 599
þynk how fortune / as wel þyn seluyn wost
Helpith hardi / men to his empryse
And fley from wrechis / for here cowardyse 602

(87)

¶ And þow þyn ladi / wolde a litil hire greue [leaf 59] 603
þou schat þyn pes / ful wel hereaftyr make
And paraunty r / it wele be to hire leue
þat sche wolde it / as now for grif take 606
whi schulde þanne / for ferd þyn herte quake
þyng how þat parys / haþ þat is þyn broþer
A loue & whi / schuldist not han anoþer 609

(88)

And Troylus o. þyng I dar þe swere. 610
That if Criseyde whiche þat is þi lef.
Now loue þe as wel as þow dost here.
God helpe me so she nyl not take a gref. 613
They þow do bote a-noon in þis myschef
And yf she wilneth fro yow for to passe.
Thanne is she fals / so loue here wel þe lasse. 616

(89)

For-þi tak herte and þenk right as a kynght. 617
Thourgh loue is broken alday euery lawe.
Kygh now sumwhat þi corage and þi myght.
Haue mercy on þi self for ony awe. 620
Lat not þis wrecched wo þin herte gnawe.
But manly set þe world on sixe and seuene.
And yf þow deye a martir go to heuene. 623

(90)

I wol my self be with þe at þis nede. [leaf 78] 624
Theygh ich and al my kyn vp-on a stonde.
Shulle in a strete as doggés liggen dede.
Thourgh girt with many a wyd and blody wounde. 627
In euery cas I wol a frend be founde.
And yf þe lyst here steruen as a wrecche.
A dieu, þe deuel spede hym þat recche. 630

(91)

This Troylus gan with þo wordes to quyken. 631
And seyde frende graunt mercy ich assente.
But certaynly þow mayst not me so pryken.
Ne peyne noon ne may me so tormente. 634
That for no cas it is not myn entente.
At short wordes þough I dyen sholde.
To rauysshen hire / but yf here-self it wolde. 637

(88)

¶ And Troylus o thynge I dar þe swere 610
þat If Criseyde which þat is þi lief
Now loueth þe as wel as thow dost hire
God help me so she nyl not take a-gryefe 613
Theigh thow do boote o-non in þis meschief
And if wilneth fro þe for to passe
Thanne is she fals so loue hire wel þe lasse 616

(89)

¶ For-þi take herte and thynk right as knyght 617
Thorwe loue is broken alday euery lawe
Right now sumwhat þi curage and þi myght
haue mercy on þi self for any awe 620
lat not þis wreched wo thyne herte gnawe
and manly set þe world on six and seuene
And if thow deye a martyr go to heuene 623

(90)

¶ I wol my self ben *with* þe at þis dede 624
Theigh ich and alle my kyn vp-on a stownde
Shul in a strete as dogges liggen dede
Thorwgh gyrt *with* many wyde and blody wounde 627
In euery cas I wol a frend ben founde
And if þe list here steruen as a wreche
A dieu / þe deuel spede hym þat it reche 630

(91)

¶ This Troilus gan *with* wordes quykken 631
And seyde frende graunte mercy ich assente
But certeynly thow maist not so me priken
Ne peyne non ne may me so tormente 634
þat for no cas it is not myn entente.
At shorte wordes though I dyen shold
To rauysshen hire but If hire self it welde 637

(88)

// And troylus / on þyng I dare þe swere 610
ȝif þat Crisseide / wich þat is þyn lyf
Now louyth þe / as wel as þou dost hire
God helpe me so / sche schal not take at gref 613
þat þou do bote / a-non in þis myschif
And ȝif sche / wele nedis fro þe passe
þanne is sche fals / so loue hire wel þe lasse 616

(89)

¶ ffor whi tak herte / & þynk *þus* þat I a knyȝt 617
þourw loue is broke / alday *euery* lawe
Kiþ knowe *sumwhat* / *þyn* corage[1] & *þyn* myȝt [1 g. first d]
Haue mercy of / þyn self for ony awe 620
Let not þis wrechede / wo þyn herte gnawe
But nameli set / þe world on sexe or seue
And ȝif þou deye / a martyr go to heuene 623

(90)

// I wele myn self / be *with* þe at þis dede 624
þow I & al myn / kyn vp-on a stounde
Schulde in strete / as doggis ligge dede
þourw gyrt *with* many / wid & blody wounde 627
In euery cas I wele / a frend ben founde
And ȝif þe luste / here steruyn as a wreche
Adew þe deuyl / haue hym þat reche 630

(91)

¶ þis Troilus gan / *with* þo wordis quikyn 631
And seyde frend / graunt merci I acente
But serteynly / þow mayȝt me not so prikyn
Ne peyne non / ne may me so turmente 634
þat for no cas / it is not myn entente
At schorte wordis / þow I deye schulde
To rauasche hire / but ȝif hire self wolde 637

(92)

Why, so mene I quod Pandarus al pis day. 638
But tel me, panne / hastow here wel assayed.
That sorwest pus / and he answered nay.
wher-of artow quod Pandare pan a-mayed. 641
That nost not, pat she wol, ben euele apayed.
To rauysshen here syn pow hast not ben pere.
But if pat Ioue told it yn pin ere. 644

(93)

For-thi ris vp as nought ne were a-noon. 645
And wassh pi face and to pe kyng pow wende.
Or he may wondren whider pow art gon.
Thow most with wysdom hym & othere blende. 648
Or vp-on cas he may after pe sende.
Er pow be war and shortly, broper dere.
Be glad / and let me werke in pis matere. 651

(94)

For I shal shappe it so sikerly 652
Thow shalt pis nyght som tyme in som manere.
Com speke with pi lady prively.
And by here wordes ek and by here chere. 655
Thow shalt ful sone a-perceyue and wel here.
Al hire entente / and yn pis cas pe beste.
And fare now wel / for in pis poynt I reste. 658

(95)

The swyfte fame whiche pat false lynges, [leaf 78, back] 659
Egal reporteth lyk pe lynges trewe,
was forigh-out Troye y-fled with preste wynges.
Fro man to man and made pis tale of newe, 662
How Calkas doughter with hire brighte hewe.
At parlement with-oute wordes more.
I-graunted was yn chaunge of Antenore. 665

(92)

Why, so mene I quod Pandarus 638
But tel me, panne pastow hire wil assayde
pat sorwest pus and he answerde hym nay
were-of ertow quod Pandare panne amayed 641
pat nost not pat she wol ben yuel apayed
To rauysshen hire syn pow hast nought ben pere
But if pat Ioue told it in pyn ere 644

(93)

For-thy ris vp as nought ne were anon [leaf 61, back] 645
And wessh pi face and to pe kynge thow wende
Or he may wondren whider thow ert gon
Thow most with wisdom hym and other blynde 648
Or vp-on cas he may after pe sende
Er thow be war and shortly brother deare
Be glad / and let me werke in pis matere 651

(94)

For I shal shape it so pat sikerly 652
Thow shalt pis nyght somtyme in som manere
Com speken with pi lady prively
And by hire wordes ek as by hire cheere 655
Thow shalt ful soone a-perceyue and wel here
al hire entent and in pis cas pe beste
And fare now wele for in this poynte I reste 658

(95)

The swyfte fame which pat fals thynges 659
Egal reporteth lik pe thynges trewe
was thorugh-out Troye yfled with prest wynges
Fro man to man and made pis tale of newe 662
How calkas doughter with hire bryght hewe
At parlement with-outen wordes moore
I-graunted was in chaunge of antenore 665

(92)

Pandare answerde of pat he sayde may [leaf 61] 634
Bot tel me pan hast pow hire wel assayed
pat sorwist pus & he answerde nay
Wherof quod pandarus art pou pus amayed 637
pat wost not if she wole ben ouele apayed
To rauysshe hire al the pou hast not ben pere
But spy aungel told it pe in pyn ere 644

(93)

Ris vp as nought ne were a-non 645
And wassh pyn face & to pe kyng pou wende
Or he may wondere whedyr pou art pus gon
pou mayst with wisdam him & oper blynde 648
or vp on a cas he may after pe sende
Ar pou be war & schortely broper dare
Be glad & let vs werche in pis manere 651

(94)

For I schal schapyn it so pat sikerly 652
pou schalt pis nyght somtyme in som manere
Come speke with pyn lady prevyly
And by hire wordis ek as by hire chere 655
pou schal ful sone perseyue & wel here
Al hire entent & pis cas pe beste
And far now wel for in pis poynt I reste 658

(95)

The swyfte fame which pat false tydyngis 659
Egal reporteth lik pe pyngis trewe
Wich pow but Troye ys ifle with preste wyngis
from man to man & mad pis tale newe 662
How calcas doughyr with hire bryght hewe
At parlement with outen wordys more
I-graunted was in chaung for anthenore 665

(96)

The whiche tale a-noon right as Criseyde. 666
Had herd she þat of here fader roughte.
As in þis cas right nought ne whanne he deyde.
Ful bysily to Iuppiter by-soughte. 669
yeue hym myschaunce þat þis tretis broughte.
But shortly lest þis tales soth were.
She dorste at no wyght asken it for fere. 672

(97)

As she þat hadde here herte and al here mynde. 673
On Troylus y-set so wonder faste.
That al þe world ne koude here loue vnbynde.
Ne Troylus out of here herte caste. 676
She wol ben his whil þat here lyf may laste.
And þus she brenneth boþe in loue and drede.
That she nyste what was best to rede. 679

(98)

But as men sen in towne and al aboute. 680
That wommen vsen frendes to visite.
So to Criseyde of wommen come a rowte.
For pitous Ioye and wenden here delite. 683
And with here tales dere ynowh a myte.
These wommen whiche þat yn þe cite dwelle.
Thei sette hem doun and seyde as I shal telle. 686

(99)

Quod first þat oone .I. am glad trewely. 687
By-cause of yow þat ye shal youre fader se.
A-noþer answered I-wys so am not .I.
For al to litel hath she with vs be. 690
Quod þe pridde I hope y-wys þat she.
Shal brynge vs þe pes on euery side.
That whanne she gooth almyghti god here gyde. 693

(96)

¶ þe which tale a-non right as Criseyde 666
Hadde herde she which þat of hir fader roughte
As in þis cas right nought ne when he deyed
Ful bisily to Iuppiter bisoughte 669
ȝeue hym meschaunce þat þis tretis broughte
But shortly lest this tales sothe were
She dorst at no wight axen it for feere 672

(97)

¶ As she þat hadde hire herte and al hire mynde 673
On Troilus ysette so wonder faste
þat al þis world ne myghte hire loue vnbynde
Ne Troilus out of hire herte caste 676
She wol ben his wil þat hire lif may laste
And she þus brenneth bothe in loue and drede
So þat she nyste what was best to rede. 679

(98)

¶ But as men seen in town and alle a-boute 680
þat wommen vsen frendes to visite
So to Criseyde of wommen com a route
For pitous Ioie / and wenden hire delite 683
And with hire tales dere ynough a myte
þis wommen which þat in þe cite dwelle
They set hem down and seyde as I shal telle 686

(99)

¶ Quod firste þat oon I am glad trewly [leaf 65] 687
By-cause of ȝow þat shal ȝoure fader se
A nother seyd I-wys so nam not I
For to litel hath she with vs be 690
Quod tho þe thridde I hope I-wis þat she
Shal brynge vs þe pees on euery syde
þanne when she goth al-myghty god hire gyde 693

(96)

¶ þe which tale a-non ryȝt as Crisseide 666
Hadde herde sche þ^e wiche þat of hire fadyr rouȝte
As in þis cas ryȝt nouȝt ne whan he deyede
fful busili to Iubiter be-souȝte 669
ȝif hym myschaunce þat þis tretys brouȝte
But schortly ȝif þese talis soþe were
Sche durste at no wiȝt axen it for fere 672

(97)

¶ As sche þat hade hire herte & al hire mynde [leaf 90] 673
On Troilus be-set so wondyr faste
þat al þis world ne myȝte hire loue onbynde
Ne Troylus out of hire herte caste 676
Sche wele ben his whil þat hire lyf caste
And þus sche brennyt boþe in loue & drede
So þat sche nyste what was best to rede 679

(98)

// But as men seyn in-tounnys al aboute 680
þat wemen vsyn frendis to visite
So to Crisseyde wemen come a route
ffor pitouse ioye & wende hire to delite 683
And with here falis / dere I-now of a myte
þese wemen wich þat in þ^e cete dwelle
þey sette hem doun & seyde as I schal telle 686

(99)

¶ Quod fyrst þat on I am glad trewely 687
Be cause of ȝow ȝe schal ȝoure fadir se
A noþer seyde I-wis so am not I
ffor alto litil haþ sche with vs be 690
þe þrede answerede I hope I-wis þat sche
Schal bryngyn vs to pes in euery side
þat whan sche goþ almyȝti god hire gide 693

(100)

Tho wo[r]des and þo wommannysh þynges./ [leaf 70] 694
She herd hem ryght as þough she þens were.
For god it wot here herte on oþer þing is.
Al-þough þe body sat a-mong hem þere. 697
Here aduertence is alwey ellys-where.
For Troylus ful faste here herte soughte.
with-outen word alwey on hym she þoughte. 700

(101)

This wommen þat wenden here to plese. 701
A-boute nought gonne alle here tales spende.
Swych vanite ne kan don hem non ese.
As she þat al þis mene while brende. 704
Of oþer passion þan þat þey wende.
So þat she felte almost here herte deye.
For wo and wery of þat companye. 707

[*Stanza* 102, *l.* 708-714, *tho left out of the Campsall MS. and Harl.* 2280, *is partly in Boccaccio* (*see pr* 196 *of Mr. Rossetti's* Filostrato and Troylus), *and wholly in Cambr. Gg., Harl.* 3943, *&c.*]

(103)

And thilke fooles sittynge here a-boute. 715
wende þat she wepte and syked sore.
By cause þat [she] sholde out of þat route.
Departe. and neuere pleye with hem more. 718
And þey þat hadde y-knowen here of yore.
Seygh here so wepe and þoughte it kyndenesse.
And eche of hem wepte eke for here distresse. 721

(100)

¶ Tho wordes and þo wommansshe thynges 694
She herde hem right as though she tennes were
For god it woot hire herte on other thynges is
Al though þe body sate a-mange hem there 697
Hire aduertens is alwey elles-where
For Troilus ful fast hire soule soughte
with-outen worde on hym alwey she thoughte 700

(101)

¶ Thise wommen þat þus wenden hire to pleese 701
Aboute nought gonne al hire tales spende
Swich vanite ne kan don hire non ese
As she þat al þis mene while brende 704
Of other passioun þan they wende
So þat she felt al-moost hire herte dye
For wo and wery of þat compaignye 707

(103)

¶ And þilke fooles sittynge hire a-boute 715
wenden þat she wepte and syked soore
By cause þat shol out of þat route
Departen / and neuere pleye wit hem more 718
And þey þat hadde y-knowen hire of yoore
Seigh hire so wepe and thought it kyndenesse
And ech of hem wepte eke for hire distresse 721

(100)

// þo wordis & þo womanliche þyngis 694
Sche herde riȝt nouȝt þow sche þere were
ffor al þis tyme hire þouȝt on oþer þyng is
Al-þow þe bodi sat amongis hem þere 697
God wot hire aduertens is ell where
ffor troilus hire soule ful faste sout
With-outyn alwey on hym sche þouȝt 700

(101)

¶ þese wemen þat so wendyn hire to plese 701
A-boute nouȝt þus gunne here tal opende
Swich vanyte can don hire non ese
As sche þat al þis mene while brende 704
Of oþere passioun þan þey wende
So þat sche wende a-non ryȝt for-to deye
ffor wo & wery of þat compaynye 707

(102) [*This stanza is* (partly) *in Boccaccio, and in Harl.* 3943; *see our* Filostrato and Troilus, p. 196.]

¶ ffor wich myȝte sche no lengere to restreyne [lf 90, bk] 708
Here teris so gunne þei vp to welle
þat ȝeuyn signys of þ° bittyr peyne
In wich hire spirit was & muste dwelle 711
Remembrynge hire from heuene in-to wich helle
Sche fallyn was sithe sche forgoþ þ° syȝt
Of Troylus hire owene hertys knyȝt 714

(103)

// And þeilke folis sittynge hire a-boute 15
Wende þat sche wepte & syȝede sore
Be cause þat sche schulde from þat route
Departe & neuere pleye with hem more 718
And þey þat haddyn knowyn hire tofore
Saw hire so wepe & þouȝte it kyndenesse
And eché of hem wepte for distresse 721

(104)

And busily þey gonnen here comforten. 722
Of þing god wot on which she litel þoughte.
And with here tales wenden here disporten.
And to be glad þey often here by-soughte. 725
But swich an ese þer-with þey here wroughte.
Right as a man is esed for to fele.
For ache of hed to clawen hym on his hele. 728

(105)

But after al þis nyce vanyte. 729
They tok here leue and hom þey wenten alle.
Cryseyde ful of sorwful pite.
In to here chaumbre vp wente out of þe halle. 732
And on here bed she gan for ded to falle.
In purpos neuere þennes for to ryse,
And þus she wroughte as I shal yow deuyse. 735

[*The real Stanza* 106, *l.* 736-742, *is misplaced in the Campsall MS. & Harl.* 2280 *&* 3943, *and put after st.* 107 (*see* p. 197, 198 *of Mr. Rossetti's* Filostrato and Troylus, *Chaucer Soc.*). *But as the change may have been made by Chaucer, and as the changer has altered the text* (*l.* 750, 752, 764) *to make the story right, I am obliged to have different stanzas for nos.* 106-108, *and different lines for nos.* 736-756.]

(106)

Here ownded heer þat sonnyssh was of hewe. [1 f 79, bk] 736
She rente / and ek here fyngres longe and smale:
She wrong ful ofte and bad god on here rewe.
And with þe deth to don bote on here bale. 739
Here hewe whilom bryght þat þo was pale.
Bar witnes of here wo and constreynte.
And þus she spak sobbynge in here compleynte. 742

(104)

¶ And bisily they gonnen hire confortten 722
Of thynge god woot on which she litel thoughte
And wit hire tales wenden hire disporten
And to be glad they oft hire bysoughte 725
But which an ese ther-with they hire wroughte
Right as a man is esed for to feele
For ach of hed to clowen hym on his heele 728

(105)

¶ But efter al þis nyce vanite 729
They took hire leue and hom they wente alle
Criseyde ful of sorwful pitee
In to hire chaumbre vp wente out of þe halle 732
And on hire bed she gan for ded to falle
In purpos neuere thennes for to rise
And þus she wroughte as I shal ȝowe devyse 735

(106)

¶ Hire ownded here þat sonnyssh was of hewe [1 f 65, bk] 736
She rente / and ek hire fyngeres longe and smale
She wronge ful oft / and bad god on hire rewe
And with þe deth to don boote on hire bale 739
Hire hew whilom bright þat þo was pale
Bar witnesse of hire wo and hire constreynte
And þus she spake sobbynge in hire compleynte 742

(104)

¶ ffor eche of heuyd to clawe hym on his hele 722
And busily þey gunne hire confortyn
Of þyngis god wot sche gan not fele
And with here wordis wendyn hire disportyn 725
And to be glad oftyn hire þey hortyn
But swich an ese þerwith þey hyre wrouȝt
Ryȝt as a man is esid þat felyth ryȝt nouȝt 728

(105)

// But aftyr al þis nyse vanite 729
þey toke here leue & hom þey wentyn alle
Cresseyde ful of sorweful pete
In-to þe chambe wente out of þe halle 732
And on hire bed for ded sche gan to falle
In purpos neuere þens for to ryse
And þus sche wrouȝt as I schal ȝow deuyse 735

(106)

¶ þe salte teris from hyre eyȝyn tweyn 736
Out ran as schour of aprille ful swyþe
Hyre white brest sche bet & for þe peyne
Aftyr þe deþ cryede a þousent sithe 739
Syn he þat wonyt was hire wo for to lyþe
Sche mot forgon for which disauenture
Sche held hire selue a for-lost creature 742

(107)

¶ Hyre owene her þat sunneliche was of hewe [1 f 91] 743
Sche rente & ek hire fyngeris longe & smale
Sche wrong ofte & bad god on hire rewe
And with þe deþ don bote on hire bale 746
Hyre hew whilhom bryȝt þat þo was pale
Bar witnesse of hire wo & hire constreynte
And þus sche spak sobbynge in hire compleynte 749

(107)

Allas quod she out of þis regioun.
I woful wreche and infortuned wight.
And born in corsed constellacioun.
Mot gon and þus departen fro my knyght.
wo worth allas þat ilkȝ dayes lyght.
On which I saw hym first with eyen tweyne.
That causeth me and I hym al þis peyne

(108)

Therwith þe terys from here eighen two.
Doun fille. as shour in aperil swyþe.
Here white brest she bet / and for þe wo.
After þe deth she cried a þousand siþe.
Syn he þat wont here wo was for to lyþe.
She mot for-gon for which disaventure.
She held here-self a forlost creature.

(109)

She seyde how shal he do and I also.
How sholde I lyue / yf I from hym twynne.
O dere herte ek þat I loue so.
who shal þat sorwe sleen þat ye ben Inne.
O. Calkas fader thyn be al þis synne.
O. moder myn þat cleped were Argyne.
wo worth þat day þat þow me bere on lyue.

(110)

To what syn sholde I lyue and sorwen þus.
How sholde .I. a fysch with-oute water dure.
what is Criseyde worth from Troylus.
How sholde a plaunte or lyues creature.
Lyue with-oute his kynde noriture.
For which ful oft a by-word here I seye.
That roteles mot grene sone deye.

(107)

¶ Allas quod she out of this region
I woful wreche and infortuned wight
And born in corsed constellacioun
Moot goon / and þus depar*te*n fro my knyght
wo worth allas þat ilke dayes lyght
On which I saugh hym first with eyen tweyne
þat causeth me / and ich hym al þis peyne

(108)

¶ þer-with þe teres from hire eyen two
Down fille / as shour in aperil swithe
Hire white brest she bet and for þe wo
Efter þe deth she cryed a thousand sythe
Syn he þat wont hire wo was for to lithe
She moot for-gon for which disaventure
She held hire self a forlost creature

(109)

¶ She seyd how shal he doon and ich also
how shold I lyue if þat I fro hym twynne
O deere herte ek þat I loue so
who shal þat sorw slen þat ze ben Inne
O calkas fader thyn be al þis synne
O moder myn þat cleped were argyne
wo worth þat day þat thow me bere on lyue

110)

¶ To what syn shold I lyue and sorwen þus
How shold a fissh with-outen water dure
what is Criseyde worth from Troilus
How shold a plaunte or lyues creature
Lyue / with-outen his kynde noriture
For which ful oft a byworde here I seye
þat rootheles mot grene soon dye

(108)

// Allȝ quod sche out of þis regioun
I woful wreche I onfortune wyȝt
And born in cursede constolacioun
Mot gon & þus depar*ten from* myn knyȝt
Wo worþe þe dayȝ & namely þat nyȝt
On wich I sȝw him fyrst with eyen tweyn
þat causith me & I hym al þis peyn

[*See p.* 195.]

(109)

¶ What schal he don what scha I don also
How schal I leue ȝif þat I from him twynne
O dere herte ek þat I loue so
He schal þat sorwe sle þat ȝe ben inne
O Calcas fadir þyn be al þis synne
And cursed be þat day which þat argyf
Me on hire bodi bar to ben onlef

(110)

// To what syn schulde I leue or sorwe þus
How schulde fich with*oute* watyr deure
What is Criseyde worþ with-outyn Troylus
How schulde a plante or o*þe*r creature
Leuyn with-outyn his kynde nature
ffor wych ful softe a biword here I seye
þat erbeles grene mot sone deye

(111)

I shal don thus syn neyþer sweord ne darte. [leaf 80] 771
Dar I noon handle for þe cruwelte.
That ilke day þat I from hym departe.
If sorwe of þat nyl not my bane be. 774
Than shal no mete or drynk come in me.
Til I my soule out of my breste vnshethe.
And þus my-selven wold I do to dethe. 777

(112)

And Troylus my clopes euerychone. 778
Shul blake ben yn tokenynge herte swete.
That I am as out of þis world a-gon.
That wont was yow to setten in quiete. 781
And of myn ordre ay til deth me mete.
The obseruaunce euere yn youre absence.
Shal sorwe ben. complesynte and abstinence. 784

(113)

Myn herte and ek þe woful gost þer-Inne. 785
Riquethe I with youre spirit to-compleyne.
Eternally for þey shul neuere twynne.
For þough in erthe twynned be we tweyne. 788
Yet in þe feld of pite out of peyne.
That hight Elysos shul we ben y-fere.
As Orpheus. and Erudice his fere. 791

(114)

Thus herte myn for Antenor Allas. 792
I-soone shal be chaunged as I wene.
But how shul ye don yn þis sorwful cas.
How shal youre tendre herte þis sustene. 795
But herte myn / for-yet þis sorwe and tene.
And me also / for sothly for to seye.
So ye wel fare / I reche not to deye. 798

(111)

¶ I shal doon þus syn neither swerde ne darte 771
Dar I non handles for the cruelte
þat ilk day þat I from 3ow departe
If sorwe of þat nyl nat my bane be 774
þanne shal no mete or drynk com in me
Til I my soule out of my breste vnshathe
And þus my-selven wold I don to dethe 777

(112)

¶ And Troilus my clothes euerychon [leaf 66] 778
Shal blake ben in tokennynge herte swete
þat I am out of þis worlde gon
þat wonte was 3ow to setten in quiete 781
And of myn ordre ay til deth me mete
þe obseruaunce euere in 3oure absens
Shal sorw ben complesynte and abstinence 784

(113)

¶ Myn herte and ek þe woful goost þer-Inne 785
By-quethe I with 3oure spirit to compleyne
Eternaly for they shal neuere twynne
For though in erith I-twynned be we tweyne 788
3et in þe feld of pite out of peyne
þat height Elysos shal we ben I-feere
As orpheus and Erudice his feere 791

(114)

¶ Thus herte myn for antenor allas 792
I soone shal ben chaunged as I weene
But how shul ye don in þis sorwful cas
How shal 3oure tendre herte þis sustene 795
But herte myne for-3et this sorw and teen
And me also for sothly for to seye
So 3e wel fare I reche noughte to dye 798

(111)

¶ I schal don þus siþyn noþer sword ne darþe 771
Dar I non handelyn for þ^e^ crewelte
þat ilke day I schal from 3ow departe
3if sorwe of þat nyl myn bane be 774
þere schal no mete ne drynk come *in* me
Troilus myn sorwe out of myn brest conueye
And þus myn self wele I don to deye 777

(112)

¶ And Troilus myne clopis euerychone [leaf 91, back] 778
Schul blake ben in tokenynge herte swete
þat I am as out of þis world I-gone
þat woned was 3ow to holde in quiete 781
And of myn ordere til þat þey me mete
þ^e^ obseruance euere I. in 3oure absence
Schal sorwyn ben compleynt & abstynence 784

(113)

¶ Myn herte ek þ^e^ sorweful gost þerin 785
Bequeþe I *3oure* spryȝt to compleyne
Eternally for þey schal neuere twynne
for-þy in erþe twynnede ben we tweyne 788
3e in þ^e^ *feld* of pete out of peyne
þere Pluteo regnyth schal we ben in fere
As Orpheus *with* erodice his fere 791

(114)

¶ þus herte myn for antenore allas 792
I sone schal be 3oldyn as I *wene*
But how schal 3e don in þis woful cas
How schal *3oure* tendere herte þis susteyne 795
But herte myn *for-yet þis sorwe* & tene
And me also for *sothly for* to sey
So 3e wel fare I reche not to dey 798

(115)

How myght it euere y-red ben or y-songe. 799
The pleynte þat she made in here distresse.
I. not / but as for me my litel tonge.
If I discreuen wolde here heuynesse. 802
It sholde make here sorwe seme lesse.
Than þat it was / and chyldisshly deface.
Here heyghe compleynte. and perfore I it pace. 805

(116)

Pandare which þat sent was from Troylus. [leaf 59, back] 806
Vn-to Criseyde / as ye han herd deuyse.
That for þe beste it was accorded þus.
And he ful glad to don hym þat seruice. 809
Vn-to Criseyde in a ful seere wyse.
Ther as she lay in torment and in rage.
Come here to telle al holly his message. 812

(117)

And fond þat she here-seluen gan to trete. 813
Ful pitously / for with here salte terys.
Here brest here face y-bajed was ful wete.
The myghty tresses of here sonnysshi heris. 816
Vnbreyden / hangen al aboute here eris.
which yaf hym verray signal of matere.
Of deth / which þat here herte gan desire. 819

(118)

Whan she hym saw she gan for sorwe a-noon. 820
Here tery face / a-twixe here armes hyde.
For which þis Pandare is so wo-by-gon.
That in þe hous he myghte vnneþe a-byde. 823
As he þat felte pyte on euery syde.
For yf Criseyda hadde erst compleyned sore.
Tho gan she pleyne a-þousand tymes more. 826

(115)

¶ How myght it euere yherd ben or ysonge 799
þe pleynte þat she made in hire distresse
I not / but as for me my litel tonge
If discryuen wold hire heuynesse 802
It sholde Make hire sorwe seme lesse
þanne þat it was / and childisshly deface
Hire heighe compleynte and per-for ich it pace 805

(116)

¶ Pandare which þat sente from Troilus 806
was vnto Crisoyde as ȝe han herde deuyse
þat for þe beste it was a-corded thus
And he ful glad to don hym þat seruyse 809
Vn-to Criseyde in a ful faire wyse
þer as she lay in torment and in rage
Com hire to telle alle holly his message 812

(117)

¶ And fonde þat she hire-seluen gan to trete 813
Ful pitously / for with hire salte teres
Hire breste / hire face y-bathed was ful wete
þe myghty tresses of hire sonnyssh here 816
Vnbroiden hangen al a-boute hire eres
which ȝaf hym verray signal of matere
Of deth which þat hire herte gan desire 819

(118)

¶ when she hym saugh she gan for sorwe anon [leaf 60, back] 820
Hire tery face atwixe hire armes hyde
For which þis Pandare is so wo-bigon
þat in þe hous he myght vnneth abyde 823
As he þat pite hadde on euery syde
For if Criseide hadda erst compleyned soore
þo gan she pleyne a thousand tyme moore. 826

(115)

¶ How myȝte it euere red be or I-songe 799
þe pleynt þat sche made in hire distresse
I not but as for me myn litele tunge
ȝif I discriue wolde hire heuynesse 802
It schulde make hire sorwe to seme lesse
þanne as it was & child lichera deface
Hire hye pleynt & þerfore I it pase 805

[*The next 4 stanzas are not in Cg. 4. 27.*]

(119)

And in here aspre pleynt / þan she seyde. 827
Pandare first of Ioyes mo þan two.
was cause causynge vn-to me Criseyde.
That now transmuwed ben in cruel wo. 830
wher shal I seye to yow / wel come or no.
That alderferst me brought[t] in-to seruise.
Of loue / allas þat endeth in pis wyse. 833

(120)

Endeth þanne loue in wo. ye er men lieth. 834
And alle worldly blysse as þenketh me.
The ende of blisse ay sorwe it occupieth.
And who þat troweth not þat it so be. 837
Let hym vpon me woful wrecche y-se.
That my self hate / and ay my birþe accurse.
Felynge alwey fro wo I go to worse. 840

(121)

Who-so me seth. he seth sorwe al at onys. [last st] 841
Peyne / torment / pleynt / wo / and distresse.
Out of my woful body / harm þer non is.
As angwysh / langour / cruel bitternesse. 844
Anoy / smert / drede / fury / and ek sikenesse.
I trowe I-wys from heuene teris reyne.
For pite of myn aspre and cruwel peyne. 847

(122)

And þow my suster ful of discomfort. 848
Quod Pandarus / what þenkestow to do.
whi ne hastow to þi-seluen som resport.
wh[i] woltow þus þi-selue [allas] for-do. 851
Lef al þis wek and take now hede to.
That I shal seyn / and herkene of good entente.
This / which by me þi Troylus þe sente. 854

(119)

¶ And in hire aspre pleynte þus she seyde 827
Pandare first of ioies moo þan two
was cause causynge vn-to me Criseyde
þat now transmuwed ben in cruel wo 830
Ther shal I seye to yow wel com or no
þat aldirfirste me brought vn-to seruyse
of loue / allas þat endeth in swich wyse 833

(120)

¶ Endeth thanne loue in wo ȝe or men lieth 834
And and alle wondly blisse as thynketh me
þe ende of blisse ay sorw it occupieth
And who-so troweth not þat it so be 837
let vp-on me woful wreche y-see
þat my-self hate and ay burthe a-corse
Felynge alwey fro wikke I go to worse 840

(121)

¶ who-so me seeth he seeth sorwe al atones 841
Peyne torment / pleynte / wo / distresse
Out of my woful body harm þer non is
As angwiash / langour / cruel / bitternesse 844
Anoy / smert / drede furye and ek sekenesse
I trowe I-wis from teres reyne
For pite of myn aspre and cruel peyne 847

(122)

¶ And though my suster ful of disconfort 848
Quod Pandarus what thynkestow to doo
why ne hastow to þi-seluen som reporte
why wiltow þus þi self allas for-do 851
Leef al þis werk and take now hede to
þat I shal seyne / and herkene of goode entente
þis message whiche by me þi Troiłus me sente 854

(119)

(120)

¶ Entendyth þan loue in wo or me hey 834
And euery wordely ioye as þynkyth me
þe ende of blys ay sorwe it ocupie
And who-so trowyth not þat it so be 837
Let hym vp-on me woful wreche se
þat myn self hate & þat is lite fors
ffelynge alwey from wikke I go to wors 840

(121)

¶ Who so me seþ he seþ sorwe al at onys [last st] 841
Peyne turnement wo & ek distresse
Out of myn sorweful body harm þere non is
As anguys langur crewel & bittyrnesse 844
Anoy smert dred furie & ek sekness
I trowe I-wis from heuene teres regne
ffor pote of myn asper & crewel peyne 847

(122)

// O myn sustyr ful of disconfort 848
Quod Pandarus what þynkyst þou to do
Whi ne hast þou to þyn self sum report
Whi wilt þou þus þyn self allas so fordo 851
Lete al þis werk & tak now hede þerto
What I schal seyn & werkene of good entent
þis þat by me þis Troylus þe sent 854

(123)

Torned here þo Criseyde a wo makynge.
So gret þat it a deth was for to se.
Allas quod she / what wordes may ye bryngе.
what wold my dere seyn to me.
which þat I dredе neuere mo to se.
wol ye haue pleynte or terys or I wende.
I haue y-nowe yf he þer after sende.

(124)

She was right swych to sen in hire visage.
As is þat wight þat men on bere bynde.
Here face lyk a paradys þe ymage.
was al I-chaunged in a-noþer kynde.
The pleye / þe laughtre / men was wont to fynde.
In here / and eke here Ioyes euerychone.
Ben fled / and þus lith now Criseyde allone.

(125)

Aboute here eyen two a purpre ryng.
Bytrent / in sothfast tokenynge of here peyne.
That to by-holde it was a dedly þing.
For which Pandare myght not restreyne.
terys from hise eyen for to reyne.
But nafeles as he best myght he seyde.
From Troylus / þis wordes to Criseyde.

(126)

Lo Nece .I. trowe ye han herd al how. [leaf 81, back]
The kyng with oþere lordes for þe beste.
Hath mad eschaunge of Antenor & yow.
That cause is of þis sorwe and þis vnreste.
But how þis cas doth Troylus moleste.
That may non erþely mannes tonge seye.
For verray wo his wit is al a-wey.

(123)

¶ Torned hire tho Criseyde a wo makynge
So grete / þat it a deth was for to se
Allas quod she what wordes may ye brynge
what wol my deere herte seyne to me
which þat I dredе neuere mo to se
wol he han pleynte or teres or I wende
I haue I-nouȝhe If he ther-efter sende

(124)

¶ She was right swich to seen in hire visage [leaf 67]
As is þat wight þat men on bere bynde
Hire face like to paradis þe ymage
was al chaunged in a nother kynde
þe pleye þe laughtre men was wonte to fynde
On hire / and ek hire Ioies euerychone
Ben fled / and þus lith now Criseyde allone

(125)

¶ Aboute hire eyen two purpre rynge
By-trent in sothfast toknynge of hire peyne
þat to be-holde it was a dedely thynge
For which Pandare myght not refreyne
þe teres from his eyen for to reyne
But nathales / as he best myght he seyde
From Troilus / thise wordes to Criseyde

(126)

¶ Loo nece I trowe ȝe han herde al howe
þe kynge *with* other lordes for þe beste
Hath made eschaunge of antenor and ȝowe
þat cause is of þis sorw and þis vnreste
But how þis cas doth Troilus moleste
þat may non erthly mannes tonge seye
For verray wo his wit is alle a-weye

(123)

¶ Turnede hire þo Crisseyde & wo makynge
So grete þat it a day was for to se
Allas quod sche what wordis may ȝe bryng
What wil myn dere herte sendyn to me
Which þat I drede neuermore to se
Whil he haue pleynt or terys or I wende
I haue I-now ȝef þat he þeraftyr sende

(124)

¶ Sche was ryȝh[1] swich to se in hire vesage [1 MS. ryth]
As is þ^e^ wyȝt þat men on bere bynde
Hire face lyk of radyis þ^e^ ymage
Was al chaungid in-to a noþer kynde
þ^e^ pley þe laughter men were wone to fynde
In hire & oþere ioyes euerychon
Ben fled & þus from hem sche lyþ a-lon

(125)

¶ A-boute hire eyȝyn to purpure ryngis
Ben trent in sofast tokenyng of hire peyne
þat to beholde it was a dedly þyng
ffor wich pandare myȝte not restreyne
þ^e^ teris from his eyȝyn for to reyne[1] [1 y, altered from n]
But nafeles as he best myȝt he seyde
ffrom Troilus þese wordis to Cresseyde

(126)

¶ Lo nece trowe I wel ȝe han-herd ek þis [leaf 92, back]
þe kynge *with* oþere lordis for þe beste
Hap mad þe eschaung for Antenore & ȝow
þat cause is of þis wo & þis onreste
But now þis cas doþ Troylus moleste
þat may non wordely mannys tunge sey
As he þat schortely scharpith him to day

(127)

For which we han so sorwed he and I.
That in-to litel bope it hadde vs slawe.
But þurgh my conseyl þis day fynally.
He somwhat is fro wepynge now wiþ-drawe.
It semeth me þat he desireth fawe.
with yow to ben al nyght for to deuyse.
Remede in þis / yf þer were any wyse.

(128)

This short and playne peffect of my message.
As ferforth as my wit may comprehende.
For ye þat ben of forment in swych rage.
May as to no long prologe as now entende.
And her-vpon ye may an answere hym sende.
And for þe loue of god my Nece dere.
So lef þis wo er Troylus be here.

(129)

Gret is my wo quod she and sighed sore.
As she þat felt dedly sharpe distresse.
But yet to me his sorwe is muche more.
That loueth hym bet þan he hym self I. gesse.
Allas for me hath he swych heuynesse.
Kan he for me so pitously compleyne.
I-wis this sorw doubleþ al my peyne.

(130)

Greuous to me god wot is for to twynne.
Quod she / but yet it hardere is to me.
To sen þat sorwe whiche þat he is Inne.
For wel wot I it wole my bane be.
And deye I wole in certayn þo quod she.
And bidde hym come er deth þat þus me treteth.
Dryf out þe gost / which in myn herte he beteth.

(127)

¶ For which we han so sorwed he and I
þat in to lytil wol ner It hade vs slawe
But thorugh myn conseil þis day fynaly
He somwhat is fro wepynge now wiþdrawe
And semeth me at he desireth fawe
with ȝow to ben al ryght for to deuyse
Remede in þis if ther any wyse

(128)

¶ This shorte and playne peffect of my message
As fer forth as my wit kan comprehende
For ȝe þat ber of tormente in swich rage
May to no longe prologe as now entende
And here-vp-on ȝe may answer to hym sende
And for þe loue of god my nece deere
So lef this wo or Troilus be heere

(129)

¶ Gret is my wo quod she and sighte soore
As she þat feleth dedely sharp distresse
But ȝet to me is sorwe is muchel more
þat loue hym bet þan he hym self I gesse
Allas for me hath he swich heuynesse
kan he for me so pitously compleyne
I-wis þis sorw dowbleth al my peyne

(130)

¶ Greuous to me god woot for to twyne [leaf 87, back]
Quod she / but ȝet it hardere is to me
To sen þat sorwe which þat he is Inne
For wel wot I it wol my bane be
And dye I wol in certayn tho quod she
But bid hym come er deth þat þus me threteth
Dryue out that gost which in myne herte he betheth

(127)

¶ ffor we han bope sorwyd he & I
þat in to lytil wol ner It hade vs slawe
But þour myn conseyl þis day finally
And sumwhat hap from wepynge hym withdrare
Semyth þat he desiryth fawe
With ȝow to be al nyȝt for to deuyse
Remedi in þis ȝyf þere were ony wise

(128)

¶ þis is schort & pleyn þ° effect of myn massage
And ek þe beste as myn wit can comprehende
ffor ȝe þat ben in tunemen for swich a rage
May now to no long prolong as now entende
And her-vpon ȝe may answere him sende
And for þ° loue of god myn nece dere
So leuyth þis er Troylus be here

(129)

¶ GRet is myn wo quod sche & syȝhynge sore
As sche þat felith dedely scharp distrese
But ȝit to me his sorwe is meche more
Allas for me hath he swich heuynesse
And for me cast in swich drerynesse
Can he for me so pitously compleyne
Now I-wis his sorwe doubelith al myn peyne

(130)

¶ Greuous for me god wot is for to twynne
Quod sche but it hardere is to me
To sen him in þat wo þat he is in
ffor wel I wot It wele myn bane be
And deye I wolde in sertyn þ° quod sche
But bid him come or dep þat þus me pretyth
Dryf out þat gost þat in myn herte betyth

(131)

This wordes seyd / she on here armes two. [leaf 82] 911
Fil gruf / and gan to wepe pitously.
Quod Pandarus allas whi do ye so.
Syn ye wel wot þe tyme is faste by. 914
That he shal come / a-rys vp hastely.
That he yow nat by-wopen þus ne fynde.
But ye wol han hym wod out of his mynde. 917

(132)

For wist he þat ye ferde in þis manere. 918
He wolde hym selue sle / and yf I wend.
To han þis fare. he sholde not come here.
For al þe good þat Pryam may despende. 921
For to what fyn he wolde a-noon pretende.
That knew he wel / and for-þi yet I seye.
So lef þis sorwe / or platly he wole deye. 924

(133)

And shappeth yow his sorwe for to a-bregge. 925
And nought encrese / leue Nece swete.
Buth raþer to hym of flat þan egge.
And with som wysdom ye his sorwes bete. 928
what helpeþ it to wepen ful a strete.
Or þough ye bobe in salte teris drenche.
Bet is a tyme of cure ay þan of pleynte. 931

(134)

I mene þus. whan I hym here brynge. 932
Syn ye ben wyse and bobe of on assent.
So shappeþ how distourbe þis goynge.
Or come a-yen soone after ye be went. 935
wommen ben wyse in short auysement.
And lat sen now how youre wit shal auayle.
And what þat I may helpe / it shal not fayle. 938

(131)

¶ þise wordes sayde she on hire armes two 911
Fil[1] gruf and gan to wepen pitously [1 ? MS. wil]
Quod pandarus allas why do ȝe so
Syn wel ȝe woote þe tyme is fast by 914
þat he shal com aris vp hastely
þat he ȝow nat bywepen thus ne fynde
But ȝe wol haue hym woode out of hys mynde 917

(132)

¶ For wiste he þat ȝe ferde in þis manere 918
He wold hym seluen sle / and if I wende
To haue þis fare he shold nat com heere
For al þe good þat priam may despende 921
For to what fyn he wold a-non pretende
þat knowe ich wel and for-þi ȝet I seye
So lef þis sorwe or platly he wol dye 924

(133)

¶ And shapeth ȝow his sorw for tabrigge 925
And nought encrese leue nece swete
Beth rather to hym cause of flat than egge
And with som wysdom ȝe his sorwe beete 928
what helpeth it to wexen ful a strete
Or though ȝe bothe in salt terys dreynte
Bet is a tyme of cure ay þan of pleynte 931

(134)

¶ I mene thus when iche hym hyder brynge 932
Syn ȝe be wyse and both of oon assent
So shapeth how destourbe ȝour goynge
Or come a3eyn soone eftir ȝe be wente 935
Wommen ben wyse in short a-ysemente
And lat sen how ȝoure wit shal now availe
And what þat I may help it schal not faile 938

(131)

¶ þese seyde sche & on hire armys too [leaf 95] 911
fel grof & gan to wepe pitusely
Quod Pandarus allas whi do ȝe so
Sythe wel ȝe woþ þ' tyme is faste by 914
þat he schal come arys vp softely
þat he ȝow not be-wepyn þus I-fynde
But ȝe wele haue hym wod out of his mynde 917

(132)

¶ ffor wiste he þat ȝe ferde in þis manere 918
He wolde hym self sle & ȝif I wende
To haue þis fare he schal not comyn here
ffor al þe good þat priam may dispende 921
ffor to what fyn he wolde a-non pretende
þat wot I wel & þerfore ȝit I say
Let be þis sorwe or platly he wele day 924

(133)

¶ And schapyth ȝow his sorwe to abregge 925
And not to encrese o leue nece swete
Be rapere cause to hym flat pan egge
And with sum wisdom ȝe his sorwe bete 928
What helpith to wepe ful a strete
Or þat ȝe bobe in salte teris drenk
Betere is on tyme of cure þan ay in pleynt 931

(134)

¶ I mene þus whan I hym hidir brynge 932
Sythe ȝe ben wis & bobe of on asent
So schapyth to disturbe þis goinge
Or come a-3en sone aftyr ȝe ben went 935
Whan men ben wise of schort auysement
And let sen how ȝoure wit schal now a-vayle
And þat þat I can helpe it schal not fayle 938

(135)

Go quod Criseyde and Vncle trewely.
I. shal don al my myght / me to restreyne.
From wepyng in his sight and bysily.
Hym for to glade .I. shal don al my peyne.
And in myn herte seken euery veyne.
If to his sor þer may be founden salue.
It shal not lakken certain oneinyn halue.

(136)

Goth Pandarus and Troylus he soughte. [leaf 88, back]
Til in a temple he fond hym allone.
As he þat of his lyf no lenger rowhte.
But to þe pitouse goddes euerychone.
Ful tendrely he preyde and made his mone.
To don hym sone out of þis world to pace.
For wel he þoughte þer was noon oþer grace.

(137)

And shortly al þe soþe for-to seye.
He was so fallen in despeyr þat day.
That outrely he shop hym for to deye.
For right þus was his argument alwey.
He seyde he nas but lorn waylawey.
For al þat cometh / comth by necessite.
Thus to be lorn it is my destyne.

(138)

For certaynly þis wot I wel he seyde.
That for-sight of dyuyne purueyaunce.
Hath seyn alwey me to for-gon Criseyde.
Syn god seth euery þing out of doutaunce.
And hem desponeth þourgh his ordenaunce.
In here merites soþly for to be.
As they shul come by predestine.

(135)

¶ Go quod Crisyde and vncle trewly
I shal don al my myght me to restreyne
From wepynge in his sight and bysily
Hym for to glade I shal don al my peyne
And in myn hertꝭ seken euery veyne
If to this soor there may be founden salue
It shal not lakke certeyn on myn halue

(136)

¶ Goth Pandarus and Troilus he soughte [leaf 88] Til in a temple he fonde hym allone
As he þat of his lif no lenger roughte
But to þe pitouse goddes euerychon
Ful tenderly he preyde and made his mone
To doon hym soon out of þis worlde to pace
For wel he thoughte þer was no nother grace

(137)

¶ And sothely al þe sothe for to seyne
He was so fallen in dispaire þat day
þat outraly he shope hym for [to] dye
For righte þus was his argument alwey
He seyde he nas but lorn waylawey
For al þat cometh comth by necessite
þus to ben lorne it is my desteyne

(138)

¶ For certeynly þis wooto I wel he sayde
þat forsyght of desyne puruyaunce
Hathe seyn alwey me for to for-gon Criseyde
Syn god seth euery thynge out of doutaunce
And hym disponeth thorwgh his ordinaunce
In hire merites sothely for to be
as they shul cõmen by predesteyne

(135)

¶ Go quod criseyde & vnkele trewely
I schal don al myn myȝt me to restreyne
ffrom wepynge in his syȝt & besily
Hym for to glade I schal don al myn peyne
And in myn herte sekyn euery veyne
ȝif to his sor þere may ben foundyn salue
It schal not lak in sertȝyn on myn halue

(136)

¶ GOþ pandarus & Troylus he southe[1] [leaf 88, back] Til in a temple he fond hym al-one [1 outhe corrected]
As he þat of his lyf ho þyng roughthe[2] [2 ghithe corrected]
But to þe pitouse goddis euerychone
fful tenderely he preyede & mad his mone
To don hym sone out of þis world to pase
ffor wel he þouȝte þer nas non oþer grace

[*The next* 18 *stanzas*, 126 *lines*, *about Free-Will*, *&c.*, *are not in the Cambridge MS. or the long ledgerlike Harleian* 1239, *leaf* 43, *or the Harleian* 2392, *leaf* 101, *back. These* 2 *Harl. MSS. leave out also stanza* 155, l. 1079-85, *thus*:—

Harl. 1239, *leaf* 43.

Be-sykyng hem to sende hym other grace
Or fro thys worlde / to doon hym sone pace

O myghty gode / quod pandarus in Trone

Harl. 2392, *leaf* 101, *back.*

to doon him soone out of this word to pace
for wul he thouhte / ther was non othir grace

O myhti god / quod Pandarus / in trone

Harl. 3943 *has the* 18 *stanzas* (*see p.* 205 *of our* Filostrato *and* Troilus), *and so has Addit. MS.* 12,044, *British Museum*, *on leaves* 80-1. *Harl.* 4912 *stops at* l. 686 *of* Bk IV, 'They set hem down) and seyde as I shall telle.'

(139)

But nafeles allas whom shal I leue. 967
For þer ben clerkes grete many on.
That destyne þorugh argumentz preue.
And som men seyn þat nedly þer is noon. 970
But þat frechoys is youen vs euerychon.
O. welaway so sley arn clerkes olde.
That I not whos opynyoun I may holde. 973

(140)

For so men seyn / yf god seth al byforn. 974
And god may not deceyued ben þarde.
Than mot it falle þey men hadde it swo.
That purueyaunce hath seighen by-fore to be. 977
wherfor I seye þat from eterne yf he.
Hath wyst byforn / oure þought ek as oure dede.
we haue no fre choys as þese clerkes rede. 980

(141)

For oþer þought nor other dede also. [leaf 83] 981
Myght neuere be. but swych as purueyaunce.
which may not ben deceyued neuere mo.
Hath feled biforn / with-outen ignoraunce. 984
For yf þere myghte ben a variaunce.
To wriþen out / fro goddes purueyinge.
Ther nere no prescience of þyng comynge. 987

(142)

But it were rapere an opynyon. 988
Vncerteyn / and no stedefast forseynge.
And certes þat were an abusion.
That god shuld han no parfit cler witynge. 991
More þan we men þat han doutous wenynge.
But swych an errour vp-on god to gesse.
were fals &. foul & corsed wykkednesse. 994

(139)

¶ But natheles allas whom shal I leue 967
For þer ben grete many oone
That destyne thorwgh argumentz preue
And som man seyn þat nedely þer is noon 970
But þat fre cloys[1] is ȝeuen vs euerichon • [1 for choys]
O waylaway so sleighe ern clerkes olde
þat I nat whos opinion I may holde 973

(140)

¶ For som men seyn If god seth al byforne 974
Ne god may not deseyued ben parde
Than moot it fallen theigh men hadde it sworne
þat purueyaunce hath seyn be-for to be 977
wher-for I seye þat from eterne if he [1. deme
Hathe wiste by-forn our thought ek as oure dede
we haue no fre choys as thise clekkes rede 980

(141)

¶ For other thoughte nor other dede also 981
Myght neuere ben but swich as purueyaunce
Which may nat ben deceyued neuere moo
Hath feled by-forne with-outen ignoraunce 984
For if ther myght ben a variaunce
To wrythen out fro goddes purueynge
Ther ner no prescience of thynge comynge 987

(142)

¶ But it were rather an opinyon [leaf 63, back 988
Vncertain / and in no stedfast forseynge
And certes þat were an abusyon
þat god shold han no parfit clere wetynge 991
More þan we men þat han doutes wenynge
But swich an errours vp-on god to gesse
Were fals and foule and wikked corsednesse 994

(143)

Ek þis is an opynyon of somme.
That han here top ful heighe and smoþe y-shore.
They seyn right þus þat þyng is not to come.
For þat þe prescience hath seyghen byfore.
That it shal come / but they seyn þat perfore.
That it shal come perfore þe purueyaunce.
wot it byform with-outen ignoraunce.

(144)

And in þis manere þis necessite.
Retorneth in his part contrarie a-gayn.
For nedfully by-houeth it not to be.
That þilke þinges fallen in certayn.
That ben purueyed but nedely as þey seyn.
Byhoueth it þat þinges whiche þat falle.
That þey in certayn ben purueyed alle.

(145)

I mene as þough I laboured me in þis.
To enqueren which þyng cause of which þyng be.
As wheyþer þat þe prescience of god is.
The certayn cause of þe necessite.
Of þinges þat to comen ben parde.
Or yf necessite of þing comynge.
Be cause certeyn of þe purueyinge.

(146)

But now ne enforce I me nought in shewynge. [pras, bk]
How þe ordre of causes stant / but wel wot I.
That it byhoueth þat þe byfallyng.
Of þinges wyst byforn certeynly.
Be necessarie / al seme it not þer-by.
That prescience put fallyng necessarie.
To thing to come al falle it foule or fayre.

(143)

¶ Ek þis is an opinyon of some
þat han hire top ful heigh and smothe I-shore
They seyn right þus þat thynge is nat to comen
For þat þe prescience hath seyne by-fore
þat it shal come but they seyn þat ther-fore
þat it shal come ther-for þe purueyaunce
woot it bifore with-outen ignorance

(144)

¶ And in þis manere þis necessite
Retourneth in his part contrarye agayn
For nedfully by-houeth it not to be
That þilke thynges fallen in certeyn
þat ben purueyed / but nedly as they seyne
Bihoueth it þat thynges which þat falle
þat þei in certein ben purueied alle

(145)

¶ *I* mene as though *I laboured* me in this
To enqueren which thynge cause of whiche thynge be
As whether þat þe prescience of god is
The certein cause of þe necessite
Of thynges þat to comen ben parde
Or if necessite of thynge comynge
Be cause certein of the purueyinge

(146)

¶ But now nen-force *I* me nat in shwynge
How the ordre of causes stant / but wol woot I
þat it bihoueth that the bifallynge
Of thynges wiste bifor certeinly
Be necessarie al seme it nat ther-by
That prescience put fallynge necessarie
To thynge to come al falle it foule or faire

(147)

For if þer sit a man yond on a see. 1023
Than by necessite byhoueth it.
That certes þin opynyon soth be.
That weficst or coniectest þat he sit. 1026
And ferþer-ouer now ayenward yit.
Lo right so it is of þe part contrarie.
As þus / nowe herkene / for I wol not tarie. 1029

(148)

I seye þat yf the opynion of þe. 1030
Be soth / for þat he sit / þan seye I þis.
That he mot sitten by necessite.
And þus necessite in eyþer is. 1033
For yn hym nede of syttyng is y-wys.
And nede of soth / and þus forsothe.
Ter mot necessaite ben in yow bothe. 1036

(149)

But þou maist seyn þe man sit not þerfore. 1037
That þyn opynyon of his sittyng soth is.
But raþer for þe man sit þer byfore.
Therfore is þyn opynyon soth ywys. 1040
And I seye þough þe cause of soth of þis.
Comth of his sittyng yet necessite.
Is entrechaunged bothe in hym and þe. 1043

(150)

Thus on þis same wyse out of doutaunce. 1044
I may wel make as it semeth me.
My resonynge of goddes pourueyaunce.
And of þe thinges / þat to comen be. 1047
By which reson men may wel y-se.
That þilke thinges þat in erþe falle.
That by necessite þey comen alle. 1050

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(147)

¶ For if þer sit a man ȝonde on a see 1023
Than by necessite bihoueth it
þat certes thyn opiniοun soth be
That wenest or coniectest þat he sit 1026
And further now ouer ageinwards ȝit
lo right so is it of þe part contrarie
As thus nowe herkene for I wol nat tarie 1029

(148)

¶ I sey þat if þe opinion of this [leaf 60] 1030
Be soth / for þat he sit than seye I this
þat he moot sitten by necessite
And þus necessite in either is 1033
For in hym nede of sittynge is I-wis
And in the / nede of soth and þis for soth
Ther mot necessite ben in ȝow bothe 1036

(149)

¶ Bot thow maist seyne þe man sit nat þere-fore 1037
þat thyn opiniοun of his sittynge sothe is
But rather for the man sit there by-fore
þerfor is thyn opiniοun soth y-wys 1040
And I seye though þe cause of soth of þis
Cometh of his sittynge ȝet necessite
Is entrechaunged both in hym and the 1043

(150)

¶ Thus in this same wyse out of doutaunce 1044
I may wel maken as it semeth me
My resonynge of goddes puruciaunce
And of þe thynges þat to comen be 1047
By which reson men may wel y-see
þat thylk thynges þat in erthe falle
þat by necessite thay comen alle 1050

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(151)

For al-though þat for thyng shal come y-wys. [leaf 84] 1051
Therfore it is purueyed certaynly.
Nough þat it comth for it purueyed is.
Yet naþeles byhoueth it nedfully. 1054
That þinges to come be purueyed trewely.
Or elles þinges þat purueyed be.
That þei by-tiden by necessite. 1057

(152)

And þis sufficeth right y-now certeyn. 1058
For to destroye oure fre choys euery del.
But now is þis abusion to seyn.
That fallynge of þe thinges temporel. 1061
Is cause of godes prescience eternel.
Now trewely þat is a fals sentence.
That þing to come sholde cause his prescience. 1064

(153)

What myght I wene and ich hadde swych a þought. 1065
But þat god purueyed þyng þat is to come.
For þat it is to come and ellis nought.
So myght I wene þat thinges alle and some. 1068
That whylom ben byfalle and ouer-come.
Ben cause of þilke soueyren purueyaunce.
That for-wot al with-outen ignoraunce. 1071

(154)

And ouer al þis yet sey I more þerto. 1072
Right a whan I wot þer is a þing.
I-wys þat þing mot nedefully be so.
Ek right so whan I wot a þyng comynge. 1075
So mot it come / and þus þe byfallyng.
Of þinges þat ben wyst by-fore þat tyde.
They mowe not ben eschewed on no syde. 1078

(151)

¶ For al-though þat for thynge shal come ywys 1051
þer-for is it purueyed certeynly
Nat þat it comes for it purueied is
Jet natheles bihoueth it nedfully 1054
þat thynge to come be purueied trewly
Or elles thynges þat purueied be
That they bitiden by necessite 1057

(152)

¶ And þis sufficeth right y-nough certeyn 1058
For to discruye oure fre choys euery dele
But now is this abusioun to seyne
þat fallynge of the thynges temporel 1061
Is causp of goddes prescience eternal
Now trewly þat is a fals sentence
þat thynge to come sholde cause his prescience 1064

(153)

¶ what myght I wene and I hadde swich a thought 1065
But þat god purueieth thynge þat is to come
For þat is to come and elles nought
So myght I wene þat þynges alle and sone 1068
þat whilom ben bifalle and ouere-come
Ben cause of thilke soueyren puruyaunce
þat for-woot alle with-outen ignoraunce 1071

(154)

¶ And ouer al þis jet seye I moore herto [leaf 60, back] 1072
þat right as when I woot there is o thynge
Iwis þat thynge mot nedfully be so
Ek right as when I woote a thynge comynge [l. ocenius] 1075
So mot it come and þus þe bifallynge
Of thynges þat ben wiste bi-fore þe tyde
They mowe not ben eschued on no syde 1078

(155)

Thanne seyde he þus / almyghty Ioue in trone. 1079
That wost of alle þinge þe sothfastnesse.
Rewe on my sorwe or do me deye sone.
Or bryng Crisseyde and me fro þis distresse. 1082
And whil he was in al þis heuynesse.
Disputynge with hym self in þis matere.
Com Pandare / and seyde as ye may here. 1085

(156)

O myghti god quod Pandarus in Trone. [Leaf 84, back] 1086
I who seygh euere a wysman faren so.
whi Troylus what þenkestow to done.
Hastow swych lust to ben þyn owen fo. 1089
what parde yet is not Crisseyde a-go.
why lust the so þyn self for-don for drede.
That in þyn hed þyn eyghen semen dede. 1092

(157)

Hastow not lyued many a yer byfore. 1093
wip-outen here / and ferd ful wel at ese.
Artow for here and for noon oþer born.
Hath kynde þe wrought al oonly here to plese. 1096
Lat be / and þenk right þus in [þi] disese.
That in þe des right as here fallen chaunces.
Right so in loue / here com and gon plesaunces. 1099

(158)

And yet þis is a wonder most of alle. 1100
whi pow þus sorwest / syn þou nost not yet.
Touchyng here goynge how þat it shal falle.
Ne yf she kan here-selpen distorben it. 1103
Thow hast not yet assayed al here wit.
A man may al by tyme his nekke bede.
whan it shal of / and sorwen at þe nede. 1106

(155)

¶ þan seyde he þus almyghty Ioue in Trone 1079
þat woost of al þis thyngē þe sothfastnesse
Rewe on my sorwe or do me dyen sone
Or brynge Crisseyde and me fro þis distresse 1082
And while he was in al þis heuynesse
Disputynge with hym self in þis matēre
Com Pandare in / and seyde as ȝe may here 1085

(156)

¶ O myghty god quod Pandarus in Trone 1086
I who say euere a wys man faren so
whi Troilus what thynkestow to doon
Hastow swich luste to ben thyn owne fo 1089
What parde ȝet is not Crisseyde ago
whi lust þou so þi self for-doon for drede
þat in thyn hed thy nene semen dede 1092

(157)

¶ Hastow nought lyued many a ȝere by-forne 1093
with-outen hire and ferde ful wel atese
Ertow for hire and for non other borne
Hath kynde þe wroughte al oonly hire to plese 1096
lat be / and thynk right þus in thy disese
þat in þe dēs right as þer fallen chaunces
Right so in loue þere com and gon plesaunces 1099

(158)

¶ And ȝet þis is a wonder moost of alle 1100
whi thow þus sorwest syn thow nost not ȝit
Touchynge hire goynge how þat it shal falle
Ne ȝif she kan hire self distourben it 1103
Thow hast nat ȝit assayed al hire wit
A man may al by-tyme his nekke bede
whan it shal of and sorwen at þe nede 1106

(155)

¶ þanne seyde he *þus* al myȝty god in trone 1079
þat wost of al þis þyng þ[e] sothfast-nesse
Rew on myn sorwe and do me deye sone
Or bryng Crisseyde & me *from* þis distresse 1082
And whil he was in al *þis* heuynesse
Disputyng*ē* *with him* self in *þis* matere
Com pandar*us* & seyde as ȝe may here 1085

(156)

¶ O myȝty god quod pandar*us* in trone 1086
Ey ho say euere a wyseman faryn so
Whi *troilus* what þynkist þow to done
Hast þou swich wil to ben þyn owene fo 1089
[Blank line in MS.]
Whi list þou fordon þyn self for drede
þat ȝh þyn heuyd ſyne eyȝyn semyn dede 1092

(157)

¶ Hast þou not leuyd oftyn in þyn lyf be-forn 1093
With-outyn hire & ferd ful wel at ese
Art þou for hire & for non oþer born
Haþ kynde wrouȝt þ[e] only hire to plese 1096
Canst þou non þynke þus in þyn disese
þat on þe deþ ryȝt as þere fallyn chaunce
Ryȝt so in *loue* þere comyth & goþ plesaunce 1099

(158)

¶ And ȝit þis is myn wondir Most of al 1100
Whi þou sorwist þus & wost not ȝit
Touchynge hire goinge how þat it schal falle
Ne ȝif sche can h[i]re self disturbin it 1103
þu hast not ȝit asayed al hire wit
A man may al be tyme his nekke bede
Whan þ[e] hed schal of & sorwyn at þ[e] neđe 1106

(159)

For-þi take hede of þat þat I shal seye. 1107
I haue with here y-spoke and longe y-be.
So as accorded was by-twyxe vs tweye.
And euere-mo me þenketh þus þat she. 1110
Hath somwhat in here hertes preuete.
wher-with shē kan yf I shal right a-rede.
Distorbe al þis / of which þow art in drede. 1113

(160)

For swych my counseyl is whan it is nyght. 1114
Thow to here go and make of þis an ende.
And blissyd Iuno þourgh here grete myghte.
Shal as I hope here grace vn-to vs sende. 1117
Myn herte seyth verleyn she shal not wende.
And for-þi put þyn herte a whyle in reste.
And hold þi purpos / for it is þe beste. 1120

(161)

This Troylus answerede and sight sore. [leaf 83] 1121
Thow seyst right wel / & I wil do right so.
And what hym lyste he seyde vn-to it more.
And whan þat it was tyme for to go. 1124
Ful preuely hym-self with-outen mo.
Vn-to here com as he was wont to done.
And how þei wroughte .I. shal yow telle sone. 1127

(162)

Soth it is whanne þey gonne first to mete. 1128
So gan þe peynes here hertes for to twyste.
That neyþer of hem oþer myght grete.
But hem in armes tok and after kyste. 1131
The lasse wofulle of hem bope nyste.
wher þat he was / ne myght .o. word out brynge.
As I seyde erst / for wo and for sobbynge. 1134

(159)

¶ For-þi take hede of al þat I shal seye 1107
I haue with hire I-spoke and longe I-be
So as a-corded was by-twyxe us twa
And euer moo me thynketh þus þat she 1110
Hath somwhat in hire hert I prouete
whar-with she can If I shal right arede
Destourbe al þis of which thow ert in drede 1113

(160)

¶ For which my conseil is whan it is nyght [leaf 70] 1114
Thow to hire go and mak of þis an ende
And blisful Iuno thorwgh hire grete myghte
Shal as I hope hire grace vnto vs sende 1117
Myn herté seith she shal nat wende
And for-þy put in þyn herto a qwhile in reste
And hold þis purpos for it is þe beste 1120

(161)

¶ This Troilus answerde and sighte soore 1121
Thow saist right wel and I wol doon right so
And what hym liste he seyde vnto it moore
And whan þat it was tyme for to go 1124
Ful preuely hym self with-outen mo
Vn-to hire come as he was wonte to doon
And how they wroughte I shal þow tellen soone 1127

(162)

¶ Soth is than when they gonnen first to meete 1128
So gun the peyne hire hertes for to twyste
þat neither of hem myghte other grete
But hem in armes tooke and after kyste 1131
þe lasse woful of hem both nyste
wher þat he was ne myght o word out brynge
As I seyde arst / for wo and for sobbynge 1134

(159)

¶ flor-þi tak hed what I-schal þe say [leaf 94] 1107
I haue *with* hire I-spoke & a-lone be
So acord was be-twixe vs twey
þat euermore me þynkyth þus þat sche 1110
Haþ sumwhat in hire hertys preuyte
Wher-*with* sche can 3if I schal ryzt arede
Stynt al þis þyng of which þou art in drede 1113

(160)

¶ flor why myn counseyl is whan it is nyzt 1114
þou to hire go & mak of þis an ende
And blyful Ione þour his grete myzt
Schal as I hope vn-to vs grace synde 1117
Myn herte seyth serteyn sche wels not wynde
And for-þy put in þyn herto a while in prest
And hold þis purpos for it is þe best 1120

(161)

¶ þis Troilus answerde & seyde sore 1121
þow sest ryzt wel & I wele don ryzt so
And what hym lyst he seyde to hym more
But whan þat it was tyme for to go 1124
ful priuyly hym *silf with*-outyn mo
Vn-to hire come as he was wone to done
And how þey wrouzte I schal 3ow telle sone 1127

(162)

SOþ is þat whan þey gan ferst to mete 1128
þey gunne þe sorwe of here hertys twiste
þat oþer-[1]of hem oþer myzte grete [1 scribe meant to put n before oþer, but mistook]
But hem in armys hent & ofte kyste 1131
þe lesse woful of hem bope nyste
What for to done ne myzte a word out brynge
As I seyde erst for sorwe & for wepynge 1134

(163)

Tho woful teris þat þey leten falle.
As bittre weren out of teris kynde.
For peyne / as is ligne Aloes or galle.
So bittre teris weep nought as I fynde.
The woful myrra[1] ought þe bark and rynde.
That in þis world þer nys so hard an herte.
That nolde han rewed on hire peynes smerte.

(164)

But whanne here woful wery gostes tweyne.
Retorned ben for as hem oughte dwelle.
And þat som-what to wayken gan þe peyne.
By lenthe of playnte / and obben gan þe welle.
Of here teris and þe herte vnswelle.
with broken vois al hoors for bright Criseyde.
To Troylus þise ilke wordes seyde.

(165)

O Ioue I deye and mercy I be[se]che.
Helpe Troylus / and þer-with-al here face.
Vpon his brest she leyde / and lost speche.
Here woful spirit from his propre place.
Right with þe word / alwey vp poynt to pace.
And þus she lith with hewes pale and grene.
That whilom fresch and fairest was to sene.

(166)

This Troylus þat on here gan byholde. [leaf 83, back]
Clepynge here name / and she lay as for ded.
with-outen answere / and felte here lymes colde.
Here eyen browen vpward to here hed.
This sorwful man kan now noon oþer red.
But ofte tyme here colde mouth he kyste.
wher hym was wo / god and hym-self it wyste.

(163)

¶ þe woful teres þat they leten falle
As bittre wern out of teres kynde
For peyne / as is ligne aloes or galle
So bittre teres wepe noughte as I fynde
Tho woful myrra[1] thorwgh þe barke and synde [1 PARS. al]
þat in þis world þer nys so hard an herte
þat nolde han rewed on hire peynes smerte

(164)

¶ But whan hire woful wery gostes tweyne
Retourned ben / ther as hem owen to dwelle
And þat som what to woken gan þe peyne
By lenghthe of pleynte and obben gan the welle
Of hire teres / and þe herte vnswelle
With brokyn vois al hois for shright Criseyde
To Troilus thise ilke wordes seyde

(165)

¶ O Ioue I deye and mercy I biseche
Helpe Troilus / and ther-with-al hire face
Vp on his breste she leyde and lefte speche
His woful spirit from his propre place
Right with þe worde alwey o peynte to pace
And þus she lith with hewes pale and grene
þat whilom fresh and fairest was to sene

(166)

¶ Thus Troilus þat on hire gan biholde [leaf 79, back]
Clepynge hire name and she lay as for dede
With-outen answere and felt hire lymes colde
Hire eyen throwen vpwarde to hire hed
This sorwful man kan now noon other rede
But oft tyme hire cold mouthe he kyste
Wher hym was wo god and hym self it wiste

(163)

¶ þo woful teris þat þey letyn falle
As bittere weryn out of teris kynde
For peyne as is lignum aloes or galle
So bittere teris weryn not pour þe rynde
þe woful myrra wretyn as I fynde
þat in þis world þere nys so hard an herte
þat nulde an rewid of þere peynys smerte

(164)

¶ But whan here woful weri gostis tweyne [leaf 94, back]
Turnede ben þere as hem auste to dwelle
And þat sumwhat to lesse gan þ[e] peyne
Be leue of playnt & ebbyn gan þ[e] welle
Of here terys & þe herte onswelle
With brokyn woys al hors for feynt Crisseyde
To Troilus pese ilke wordis seyde

(165)

// O Ioue I crie & mercy I be-seche
Help troylus & þerwith[al] hire face
Vp-on his brest sche leyde & loste speche
Hire[1] woful spryt from his proper place [1 Arst, Ellz]
Ryȝt with þ[e] word a poynt to a pase
And þus sche lyth with howys pale & grene
þat whilehom frosche & fayre were to sene

(166)

¶ þis troylus on hire gan be-holde
Clepynge hire name & sche lay as for ded
With-oute answere & felte hire semys colde
Hire eyȝyn browyn vpward to hire houyd
þis sorweful man can now no maner red
But ofte tyme hire colde mout he kyste
Whe[per] hym was wo god & hym self wiste

(167)

He rist hym vp and long streyght he hyre leyde.
For signe of lyf / for ought he kan or may.
Kan he noon fynde in no þing on Criseyde.
For which his song fyl ofte his weylaway.
But whan he sawgh þat specheles she lay.
with sorwful voys and herte of blysse al bare.
He seyde / how she was fro þis world y-fare.

(168)

So after þat he longe hadde here complayned.
His honde wrong / and seyde þat was to seye.
And with his teris salte here brest byreyned.
He gan þo teris wypen of ful dreye.
And pitously gan for þe soule preye.
And seyde o lord þat set art in þy Trona.
Rewe ek on me for I shal folwe here sone.

(169)

She cold was and with-outen sentement.
For I wot / for breth ne felte he noon.
And þis was hym a preignant argument
That she was forth out of þis world a-gon.
And whan he seygh þer was non oþer won.
He gan here lymes dresse in swych manere.
As men don hem þat shul be leyd on bere.

(170)

And after þis with sterne and cruwel herte.
He sword a-noon out of his shethe he twyghte.
Hym self to slen / how sore þat hym smerte.
So þat his sowle here sowe folwen myghte.
Ther as þe dom of Mynos wolde it dyghte.
Syn loue and cruwel Fortune it ne wolde.
That in þis world he lenger lyuen sholde.

(167)

¶ He rist hym vp and longe streught he hire leyde
For signe of lyf for ought he kan or may
Kan he non fynde in no thynge on Criseyde
For which his songe ful oft is walaway
But when he saugh þat specheles she lay
with sorwful vois and herte of blisse al bare
He seyde how she was fro þis worlde y-fare

(168)

¶ So efter þat longe hadde hyre complayned
His hondes wronge and seyde þat was to seye
And with hire teris salt hire breast by-reyned
He gan tho teris wepen of ful dreye
And pitously gan for she soule preye
And seyde o lord þat ert in þi trone
Rew ek on me for I shal folwe hir sone

(169)

¶ She colde was and with-outen sentemente
For aught he woot for breth ne felt he non
And þis was hym a preignant argument
þat she was forth out of þis world a-gone
And when he sey þer was non other wone
He gan hyre lymes dresse in swich manere
As men don hem þat shal be layd on beere

(170)

¶ And efter þis with sterne and cruel herte
His swerde anon out of his shethe he twyghte
Hym self to slane how sore þat hym smerte
So þat his soule hire soule folwen myghte
þer as dome of mynos wold it dighte
Syn loue and cruel fortune it ne wolde
þat in þis world he langer lyuen sholde

(167)

// He rist hym vp & a long streyt he hire leyde
ffor signe of lyf for ouȝt he can or may
Can he not fynde in no cas of crisseyde
ffor wich his song is ofte walleaway
And whan he say þat specheles see lay
With sorweful voys & herte & blysse Al bare
He seyde how þat sche from þis word was fare

(168)

¶ So aftyr þat he longe hire hade complaynyd
And hondis wrong / & seyde þat was to sey
And with hise[1] teris salte hire bryst be-reynyd
He gan þo teris wipyn of & dreye
And pitously be gan for þ[e] soule preye
And seyde lord þat set art in þyn trone
Rewe ȝk on me for I schal folwe sone

[1 first, hire]

(169)

¶ Sche cold was & with-oute sentement
ffor ouȝt he woste & breth ȝit felte he non
And þat was hym a preuaunt argument
þat sche was forth out of þis world I-gon
And whan he say here was non oþer won
He gan hire lemys dresse in swich manere
As men don folk þat schal ben leyd on bere

[last ms]

(170)

// And aftyr þis with sterne & crewel herte
His swerd out of þ[e] schede a-non it twyȝt
Hym self to slen how sore þat hym smert
So þat his soule here soule folwe myȝt
here as þ[e] dom of orynys wolde it dyȝt
Syn loue & crew[el] fortune it ne wolde
þat in world no more loue ne schulde

[1 ol, corrector]

(171)

Thanne seyde he þus fulfilled of heigh desdayn. [leaf 86] 1191
O cruwel Ioue / and þow fortune aduerse.
This al and som þat falsly haue slayn.
Criseyde and syn ye may do me no werse. 1194
Fy on youre myght and werkes so diuerse.
Thus cowardly / ye shul me neuere wynne.
Ther shal no deth me fro my lady twynne. 1197

(172)

For I þis world syn ye han slayn here þus. 1198
wol lete / and folowe here spirit lowe or hye.
Shal neuere louere seyn þat Troylus.
Dar not for fere with his lady dye. 1201
For certeyn I wole bere here companye.
But syn ye wol not suffren vs y-fere.
Yet suffreth þat oure soules ben yfere. 1204

(173)

And þow Cite whiche þat I leue in wo. 1205
And þow Pryam and breþeren al yfere.
And þow my moder farewel for now I go.
And Attropes make redy þow my bere. 1208
And þow Criseyde / o swete herte dere.
Receyue now my spirit wold he seye.
with swerd at herte al redy for to deye. 1211

(174)

But as god wolde of swough þer-with she abreyde. 1212
And gan to syke and Troylus she cride.
And he answerde lady myn Cryseyde.
Lyue ye yet / and let his swerd doun glide. 1215
Ye herte myn þat þanked be Cupide.
Quod she / and þer-with-al she sore syghte.
And he by-gan to glade here as he myghte. 1218

(171)

¶ Than seyde he þus fulfilld of heigh desdayn 1191
O cruel Ioue and thow fortune aduerse
þis al and som þat falsly haue ye slayn
Criseyde / and syn ȝe may do me no werse 1194
Fy on ȝoure myght and werkes so dyuerse
þus cowardly ȝe shul me neuere wynne
Ther shal no deth me fro my lady twynne 1197

(172)

¶ For I þis world syn ȝe haue slayn hire thus [leaf 71] 1198
wol lete and folw hire spirit low or heye
Shal neuere louer seyn That Troilus
Dar not for with his lady dye 1201
For certein I wol bere hire companye
But syn ȝe wol not suffure vs lyues here
Ȝet suffreth þat our soules ben I-feere 1204

(173)

¶ And thow cite which þat I lyue in wo 1205
And thow priam and bretheren alle I-fere
And thow moder far wel for I go
and attropes mak redy thow my beere 1208
And thow Criseyde o swete herte deere
Receyue now my spirit wolde he seye
With swerd at herte al redy for to dye 1211

(174)

¶ But as god wold of swough ther-with she brayde 1212
And gan to sike and Troilus she cryede
And he answerde lady myn Criseyde
Lyue ȝe ȝit and lete his swerde down glide 1215
Ȝe herte myn þat thanked be cupide
Quod she / and ther-with-al for sighte
And he bigan to glad hire as he myghte 1218

(171)

¶ þanne seyde he þus ful fyld of hey disdeyn 1191
On crewel Ioue and þou fortune aduerse
þis al and som þat falsely han ȝe slayn
Crisseyde & syn ȝe can don me no werse 1194
ffy on ȝoure myȝt & on ȝoure werkys dyuerse
þus couardely ȝe schal me neuere wyn
þere schal no deþ me from myn lady twyn 1197

(172)

// ffor in þis world sithe ȝe han slayn hire þus 1198
Wele lete & folwe hire spiryt forth in hye
Schal louere neuere seyn þat troylus
Dare not for fere with his lady deye 1201
ffor certayn I wele hire bere cumpanye
But for ȝe wil not sufferin / vs leuyn here
Ȝit sufferyth þat oure soulis ben in fere 1204

(173)

// And þou cite wich þat I leue Inne in wo 1205
And þou Priame breþeren alle in fere
And þow myn madyr farwel for I go
þow antropes þat art ful redy here 1208
And þow Crysseyde swete herte dere
Resseyue now myn spryt wolde he sey
With swerd at herte redy for to dey 1211

(174)

¶ But as god wolde of swow þerwith sche brayd [leaf 85, bk] 1212
And gan syhe & Troylus sche cryede
And answerde herte myn Criseyde
Leue ȝe ȝit & let his swerd doun glyde 1215
Ȝa herte myn I-thankede be cupide
Quod sche & þerwith sche sore seyȝt
And he be-gan confortyn hire as he myȝt 1218

(175)

Tok here in armes two and kyst here ofte. 1219
And here to glade he dide al his entente.
For which here gost / þat flekered ay on lofte.
In-to here woful herte a-yen it wente. 1222
But at þe laste as þat here eyen glente.
A-syde / a-noon she gan his swerd aspye.
As it lay bare / and gan for fere crie. 1225

(176)

And asked hym whi he hadde it out drawe. [1r 86, bk] 1226
And Troylus anoon þe cause tolde.
And how hymself þer-with he wolde haue slawe.
For which Criseyde vp on hym gan by-holde. 1229
And gan hym in here armes faste folde.
And seyde o mercy god lo swych a dede.
Allas how neigh we were boþe dede. 1232

(177)

Thanne yf I ne hadde spoken as grace was. 1233
Ye wolden han slay youre self a-noon quod she.
Ye douteles and she answerede allas.
For by þat ilke lord þat mad me. 1236
I wolde a forlong wey on lyue han be.
After youre deth / to han be crowned quene.
Of al þe londes þe sonne on shyneth shene. 1239

(178)

But with þis selue swerd whiche þat here is. 1240
My selue I wolde haue slayn quod she tho.
But ho / for we han right ynow of þis.
And late vs rise and streyght to bedde go. 1243
And þer lat vs speken of oure wo.
For by þe morter which þat I se brenne.
Knowe I right wel þat day is not fer henne. 1246

(175)

¶ Took hire in armes two and kyste hire ofte 1219
And hire to glade / he dide al his entente
For which hire gooste þat fliked ay o lofte
In-to hire woful herte aȝein it wente 1222
But at þe laste as þat hire eye glente
a syde / anon she gan his swerde aspye
As it lay bare / and gan for feere crie 1225

(176)

¶ And asked hym whi he it hadde out drawe 1226
And Troilus a-non / þe cause hire tolde
And how hym self þer-with he wolde han slawe
For which Criseyde vp-on hym gan by-holde 1229
And gan hym in armes faste folde
And seyde o mercy god lo which a dede
Allas how neigh we weren bothe dede 1232

(177)

¶ Thanne if I nadde I-spoken as grace was 1233
ȝe wold han slayn ȝowre-self a-non quod she
ȝe douteles / and she answarde allas
For by þat ilk lord that made me 1236
I nold a forlonge wey o lyue haue be
After ȝour deth to-han ben crowned quene
Of al þat lond þe sonne on shyneth sheene 1239

(178)

¶ But with this selue swerde which þat here is [1r 71, bk] 1240
My self I wolde han slayn quod she tho
But hoo for we han right ynowgh of þis
And lat vs rise and streughte to bedde go 1243
And þer lat vs speken of oure wo
For by þe morter which þat I se brenne
Know I ful wel þat day is not fere henne 1246

(175)

// Tok hire in armys too & kiste hire ofte 1219
And hire to glade he dede al his entent
ffor whiche hire gost þat flekerede ay on loft
Al softe to hire herte a-ȝyn it went 1222
So at þe laste as hire eyȝyn glent
A-non sche gan his sward aspie
As it lay bare & gan for fere crye 1225

(176)

¶ And axede hym whi he hade it drawe 1226
And troilus a-non þe cause tolde
And how hym self he wolde *þer-with* a slawe
ffor wich crisseyde vp on hym gan be-holde 1229
And gan hym in hire armys faste folde
And seide o mercy god lo wich a drede
Allas how nyȝ were we boþe dede 1232

(177)

// þanne ȝif I ne hadde speke as grase was 1233
ȝe wolde a slayn ȝoure sylf a-non quod sche
ȝa douteles & sche answerde allas
ffor by þat ilke lord þat made me 1236
I ne wolde a furlongwoy a-lyue a be
Aftyr ȝoure deþ to a ben crounede quene
Of al þe lond þe sunne on schynyth schene 1239

(178)

¶ But with þis seluyn sward whych þat here is 1240
Myn seluyn wolde I a slawe quod sche þo
But ho for we haue ryȝt I-now of þis
And lat vs ryse & streyȝt to bedde go 1243
And þere lat vs spekyn of oure wo
ffor by þe percher which þat I se brenne
I knowe wel þat day is not fer henne 1246

(179)

Whanne þey were in here bed in armes folde. 1247
Nought was yt lyk þe nyghtes here by-forn.
For pitously eche gan oþer byholde.
As þei þat hadden al here blisse y-lorn. 1250
By-waylynge ay þe day þat þey were born.
Til at þe last this sorwful wyght Criseyde.
To Troylus þese ilke wordes seyde. 1253

(180)

Lo herte myn wel wot ye þis quod she. 1254
That yf a wyght alwey his wo compleyne.
And sekeþ nought how holpen for to be.
It is but folye and encres of peyne. 1257
And syn þat here assembled be we tweyne.
To fynde bote of wo þat we be Inne.
It were al tyme sone to by-gynne. 1260

(181)

I am a womman as ful wel yo wot. (leaf 87) 1261
And as I am a-vised sodeynly.
So wole .I. telle yow whil it is hot.
Me þenketh þus þat neyther ye-ne .I. 1264
Ought half þis wo to make skilfully.
For there is art y-now for to redresse.
That yet is mys / and alen þis heuynesse. 1267

(182)

Soth is þe wo whiche þat we ben Inne. 1268
For ought I wot / for no þyng elles is.
But for þe cause þat we sholden twynne.
Considered al þer is nomore a-mys. 1271
But what is þanne a remede vn-to this.
But þat we shape vs sone for to mete.
This al and som my dere herte swete. 1274

(179)

¶ when they were in hire bedde in armes folde 1247
Naught was it like tho nyghtes here biforn
For pitously ich other gan by-holde
As they þat hadden al hire blisse y-lorn 1250
By waylynge ay þe day þat they were borne
Til at þe laste þis sorwful wight Criseyde
To Troilus þis ilke wordis seyde 1253

(180)

¶ Loo herte myne wel woot ȝe þis quod she 1254
þat if a wight alwey his wo compleyne
And seketh naught how holpen for to be
It is but folye and encresse of peyne 1257
And sin þat here assembled be we twyne
To fynde boote of wo þat we ben Inne
It were al tyme soone to bigynne 1260

(181)

¶ I am a womman as ful wel ȝe woote 1261
And as I am auysed sodeynly
So wol I telle ȝow whil it is hoote
Me thynketh thus þat noither ȝe nor I 1264
Ought half þis wo to maken skilfully
For þer is art y-nough for to redresse
þat ȝet is mys and alen þis heuynesse 1267

(182)

¶ Soth is þe wo þe wriche þat we ben Inne 1268
For aught I wot for no thynge elles is
But for þe cause þat we sholden twynne
Considered al þer is nomore amys 1271
But what is thanne a remade vnto þis
But þat we shape vs soone for to mete
þis al and som my dere herte I-wis 1274

(179)

¶ Whan þey weryn in bedde in armys foldyn (leaf 80) 1247
Nouȝt was it lyk þe nyȝtys here by-fore
ffor pitously eche oþer gan be-holdyn
As þey þat haddyȝ here ioyis alle bore 1250
Seyinge allas þat euere were þey bore
Til at þe laste þis woful wyȝt Crisseyde
To Troilus þese ilke wordis seyde 1253

(180)

// O herte myn þis wote ȝe wel quod sche 1254
þat alday / a wyȝt his wo compleyne
And sekyth not how helpyn for to be
It nys but foly / & encres of peyne 1257
And sithe þat here assemblyd be we tweyne
To fynde bote of wo þat we ben inne
It were al tyme sone to begynne 1260

(181)

¶ I am a woman as ful wel ȝe wot 1261
And as I am a-vised sodeynly
So wele I tellyn it ȝow whil it is hot
Me þynkith þus þat oþer ȝe nor I 1264
Auȝte half þis wo to make / skilfully
ffor þere is herte I-now for to redresse
þat ȝit is mys & alen þis heuynesse 1267

(182)

So is þat wo þe wich þat we ben inne 1268
ffor ouȝt I wot for no þyng ellis is
But for cause þat we schuln twynne
Considerid al þere is no more a-mys 1271
Bnt what is a remedie on-to þis
But þat we schape vs sone for-to mete
þis is and sum myn dere herte swete 1274

(183)

Now þat I shal wel bryngen it a-boute. 1275
To come a-yen soone after þat I go.
Ther-of am I no maner thyng in doute.
For dredeles with-Inne a wowke or two 1278
I shal bot here / and þat it may be so.
By alle right and in a wordes fowe.
I shal yow wel an hep of woyes shewe. 1281

(184)

For which I wot not make long sermon. 1282
For tyme y-lost wol not recouered be.
But I wol gon to my conclusyon.
And to þe beste in ought þat I kan se. 1285
And for þe loue of god forȝeue it me.
If I speke ought a-ȝen youre hertes reste.
For trewely I speke it for þe beste. 1288

(185)

Makynge alwey a protestacion. 1289
That now þese wordes whiche þat I shal seye.
Nys but to shewe yow my mocion.
To fynde vn-to oure helpe þe beste weye. 1292
And taketh it non oþer wyse I preye.
For ȝn effect what so ȝe me comaunde.
That wol I don / for þat is no demaunde. 1295

(186)

Now herkeneth þis for ȝe han wel vnderstonde. (new, tab) 1296
My goynge graunted is by parlement.
So forforth þat it may not be with-stonde.
For al þis world as by my Iuggement. 1299
And syn þer helpeth noon a-uysement.
To letten it / lat it passe out of mynde.
And lat vs shape a bettre wey to fynde. 1302

(183)

¶ Now þat I shal wele bryngen it aboute 1275
To com a-ȝein soon efter þat I go
Ther-of am I no maner thynge in doute
For dredeles with-In a wowke or two 1278
I shal ben here and þat it may be so
By al right / and in a wordes fewe
I shal ȝow wel an heepe of weyes showe 1281

(184)

¶ For which I wol nat mak longes sermon [leaf 72] 1282
For tyme I-loste may nought recouered be
But I wol gon to my conclusion
And in þe best in aught þat I kan see 1285
And for þe loue of god forȝeue it me
If I speke aught aȝenis ȝoure hertes reste
For trewely I speke it for þe beste 1288

(185)

¶ Makynge alwey a protestacioun 1289
þat now þis wordes which þat I shal seye
Nys but to shewen ȝowe my mocioun
To fynde vn-to oure help þe beste weye 1292
And taketh it non other-wyse I ȝow preye
For in affecte what so ȝe me comaunde
þat wol I don for [þat] ys no demaunde 1295

(186)

¶ Now herkeneth þis ȝe han wel vnderstonde 1296
My goynge *graunted* is by *parlement*
So forforth þat it may not be withstonde
For al þis world as by my Iugement 1299
And syn ther helpeth non a-uysement
T[o] letten it / lat it passe out of mynde
And lat vs shape a better wey to fynde 1302

(183)

¶ Now þat I sshal wel bryngyn it a-boute 1275
To comyn a-ȝen sone aftyr þat I go
þerof am I no maner þyng in doute
ffor dredeles þat in a wouke or to 1278
I schal ben here & þat it schal ben so [later] may
By al ryȝt & in wordis fewe
I schal ȝow wel an hep of woyes schewe 1281

(184)

¶ ffor wich I nyl not make long sarmoun [leaf 68, back] 1282
ffor tyme I-lost may not recouerede ber
But I wele go ryȝt to conclusyoun
And to þe beste in ouȝt þat I can sen 1285
But for þ^e^ loue of god forȝeue it me
ȝif I speke ouȝt a-ȝen ȝoure hertis rest
ffor trewely I speke it for þe best 1288

(185)

// Makynge here a protestacioun 1289
þat in effect þis þyng þat I schal say
Nis but esschewe þus in mocyoun[1] [1 y altered]
To fynde on-to ȝoure helpe þ^e^ beste wey 1292
And takyþ it not oþerwyse I prey
ffor fynally what ȝe me comaunde
þat wele I don for þat is no demaunde 1295

(186)

¶ Now herkenyth þis ȝe han wel vndyrstonde 1296
Myn goinge grauntyd is be parlement
So fer þat it may not be *with*stonde
ffor al þis world as be *myn* iugement 1299
And syn þere helpiþ non auysement
To lette it let it passa out of mynde
And let vs schape a-bettere woye to fynde 1302

(187)

The sope is þat þe twynnynge of vs tweyne.
wol vs dishese and cruwelyche anoye.
But hym bihoueth som tyme han a peyne.
That serueth loue / yf þat he wol haue Ioye.
And syn I shal no ferþere out of troye.
Than I may ryde a-yen on half a morwe.
It ought þe lasse causen vs to sorwe.

(188)

So as .I. shal not so ben hid in muwe.
That day by day myn owene herte deye.
Syn we wel wot þat it is now a truwe.
Ye shul ful wel al myn estat y-here.
And er þat truwe is don I shal ben here.
And þanne haue ye bope Antenor y-wonne.
And me also / beth glad now yf ye konne.

(189)

And þenk right þus Criseyde is now a-gon.
But what she shal come hastely a-yen.
And whanne / allas / by god lo righ a-noon.
Er dayes .x. þis dar I saufly seyn.
And þanne at erst shal we ben so fayn.
So as we shulle to-gederes euere dwelle.
That al þis world ne myghte oure blysse telle.

(190)

I se þat ofte tyme þer as we ben now.
That for þe beste oure conseyl for to hide.
Ye speke not with me nor I with yow.
In fourtenyght ne se yow go ne ryde.
May ye not ten dayes þanne a-byde.
For myn honour yn swych auenture.
I-wys ye mowen ellys lite endure.

(187)

¶ The sothe þe twynynge of vs twyne
Wol us disese and crueliche a-noye
But hym bihoueth som tyme han a peyne
That serueth loue If þat he wol haue Ioye
And syn I shal no forther out of Troie
þan I may ride ayein on half a morwe
It aught lasse causen vs to sorwe

(188)

¶ So as I shal not so ben hidde in muwe
þat day by day myn swete herte deore
Syn wel ȝe wot þat it is now a truwe
ȝe shal ful wel al myn estate yheere
And er þat truwe is don I shal ben here
And þanne haue ȝe bothe antenor ywonne
and me also / beth glad now if ȝe konne

(189)

¶ And thynk right þus Criseyde is now agon
But she shal com hastily ayein
And when allas bi god lo right a-non
Er dayes ten þis dar I saufly seyne
And þan at erste shal we be so feyne
So as we shal to-gideres euere dwelle
þat al þis worlde ne myght oure blisse telle

(190)

¶ I see that oft tyme ther as we bene now [leaf 72, back]
þat for þe beste oure conseil for to hide
ȝe spek not with me nor I with ȝowe
In fourtenyght / ne se ȝow go ne ride
May ȝe nought ten dayes þanne abide
For myn honour in swich an auenture
I-wys ȝe mowe elles lite endure

(187)

// þe sope þis is þat twynnyng of vs tweyne
Wil vs disese & crewelly ennoye
But hym be-houyth sumtyme to haue peyne
þat seruyth loue yif he wele haue ioye
And syn I schal no ferþere out of troye
þan I may ryde a-yen on hal a morwe
It auste lease causyn vs to sorwe

(188)

¶ So as I schal not now ben hed in mewe
þat day be day myne owene herte dere
Syn wel ȝe wot it is now a trewe
ȝe schal ful wel al myn estat here
And or þat trewe is don I schal ben here
And þus have ȝe bope antenore wenne
And now beþ glad yif þat ȝe now cunne

(189)

¶ And þynkith ryȝt þus crisseyde is not a-gon [leaf 97] 1317
But what sche schal comyn hasteliche a-geyn
And whanne allas lo hasteliche a-noon
Or dayes ten þat dar I sauely seyn
And þanne at erst schal ȝe ben so fayn
þat we schal euermor to-gedere d[w]elle
þat al þis world / myȝte oure ioye telle

(190)

// I se þat oftyn here þat as we ben now
þat for þe beste oure conseyl for to byde
ȝe speke not with me ne I with ȝow
In fortune nyȝt to se ȝow gon ne ryde
May ȝe not þan / ten dayis a-byde
ffor myn honour / in swich auenture
I-wis ȝe mouȝ eH lityl endure

(191)

Ye knowe ek how þat al my kyn is here. [leaf 88] 1331
But yf þat onlyche it my fader be.
And ek myn oþere þinges alle y-fere.
And namelyche my dere herte ye. 1334
whom þat I nolde leuen for to se.
For al þis world as wyd as it hath space.
Or elles se ich neue[r] Ioues face. 1337

(192)

Whi trowe ye my fader yn þis wyse. 1338
Coueyteth so to se me but for drede.
Lest yn þis town þat folkes me dispise.
By cause of hym / for his vnhappy dede. 1341
what wot my fader what lyf þat I lede.
For and he wyste in Troy how wel I fare.
Vs nedede for my wendyng nought to care. 1344

(193)

Ye sen þat euery day ek more and more. 1345
Men trete of pees / and it supposed is.
That men þe queene Eleyne shal restore.
And Grekes vs restore þat is mys. 1348
So þough þere nere comfort non but þis.
That men purposen pes on euery syde.
Ye may þe bettre at ese of herte a-byde. 1351

(194)

For yf þat it be pes myn herte dere. 1352
The nature of þe pes mot nedes dryue.
That men mose entrecomunen y-fere.
And to and fro ek ryde and gon as blyue. 1355
Alday as þikke as ben flen from an hyue.
And euery wight han liberte to bleue.
wher as hym lyst þe bet wit-outen leue. 1358

(191)

Ȝe knowe eke how þat al my kyn is here 1331
But if þat onlich it my fader be
And myn other thynges al I-feere
And nameliche my deere herte ȝe 1334
whom þat I nolde leuen for to se
For al þis world as wyde as it hath space
Or elles se iche neuere Ioues face 1337

(192)

¶ whi trow ȝe my fader in þis wyse 1338
Coueiteth so to se me but for drede
Lest in this town þat folkes me despice
Be cause of hym for his vnhappi dede 1341
what woot my fader what lyf þat I lede
For if he wiste in Troie how wel I fare
Vs neded for my wendynge nought care 1344

(193)

¶ Ȝe seen þat euery day ek mor and more 1345
Men trete of pees and It supposed is
þat men þe queene Eleyne shal restore
And grekes vs restoren þat is mys 1348
So thought þer nere comfort non but this
þat men purposen pees on euery syde
Ȝe may þe bettre at ese of herte abyde 1351

(194)

¶ For if þat it be pees myn herte deere 1352
þe nature of þe pees moot nedes dryue
þat men most entrecommunen yfere
And to and fro ek ride and gon as blyue 1355
Alday as thykke as been flean from an hyue
And euery wight han liberte to bleue
whar as hym listo bet with-outen leue 1358

(191)

¶ Ȝe knowyn ek how þat al myn kyn is here 1331
Only but / if it myn fadidyr be
And ek myne oþer þyngis alle in fere
A namely myn dere herte ȝe 1334
þat I nolde leuyn for to se
ffor al þis world as meche as it haþ spase
Ȝa eH se I neuere iouys face [eH = ellis] 1337

(192)

// Why trowe ȝe myn fadyr in þis wise 1338
Coueytith to se me but for a drede
Lest in þis toun þat folk me dispise
Be cause of hym for his vn-happy dede 1341
What wot myn fadyr what lyf þat I lede
ffor ȝif he wiste in Troye how wel I fare
Vs nedith not for myn goinge [1]to care[1] [1—1 corrector] 1344

(193)

¶ Ȝe se ek euery day more & more 1345
Men trete of pes & it supposid is
þat men þe quen Elyne schal restore
And grekys vs restoryn þat is mys 1348
So þow þere nere confort non but þis
þat men purposyn pes on euery syde
Ȝe may þe bettire at ese of herte a-byde 1351

(194)

¶ ffor ȝif þat it be pes myn herte dere [leaf 97, back] 1352
þ° nature of pes mot nedis dreyve
þat moste nedis / entere þerto in fere
And to & fro ek rydyn & gon as blyue 1355
Alday as þikke / as ben from an heue
And euery wyȝt haue liberteis to be-leue
Where as hem lyst þey beþ with oþere leue 1358

(195)

And þough so be þat pes þer may be noon. 1359
Yet hider þough þere neuere pes ne were.
I moste come / for whoder sholde I gon.
Or how myschaunce sholde I dwelle þere. 1362
A-mong þo men of armes euere in fere.
For which as wysly god my soule rede.
I kan not sen wher-of ye sholden drede. 1365

(196)

Haue here a noþer wey if it so be [leaf 38, back] 1366
That al þis þing ne may yow not suffice.
My fader as ye knowen wel parde.
Is old / and elde is ful of coueytise. 1369
And I right now haue foanden al þe gyse.
with-oute net wher-with I shal hym hente.
And herkeneth how / if þat ye wole assente. 1372

(197)

Lo Troylus men seyn þat ful hard it is. 1373
The wolf ful / and þe weþer hol to haue.
This is to seyn þat men ful ofte y-wys.
Mote spenden part / þe remenaunt for to saue. 1376
For ay with gold men may þo herte graue.
Of hym þat set is[1] vp-on coueitise. [1 *first* it]
And how I mene .I. shal it yow deuyse. 1379

(198)

The moble which þat I haue yn this town. 1380
Vn-to my fader shal I take and seye.
That right for trust / and for sauacioun.
It sent is from a frend of his or tweye. 1383
The whiche frendes feruentlyche hym preye.
To sende after more and þat in hye.
whil þat þis town stant þus in Iupartie. 1386

(195)

¶ And though so be þat pees þer may be non 1359
Þat hider though ther neuer pees ne weere
I most come / for whider shold I gone
Or how meschaunce sholde I dwelle þere 1362
O-mange þo men of armes euere in feere
For which as wysely god my soule rede
I kan not sen where-of ye sholden drede 1365

(196)

¶ Haue here a nother wey if it so be [leaf 73] 1366
þat al þis thynge ne may not suffise
My fader as ye knowen wele parde
Is old / and elde is ful of coueityse 1369
And I right now haue founden al þe gyse
With-outen net wher-with I shal hym hente
And herkeneth how if þat ye wol assente 1372

(197)

¶ Loo Troilus men seyne þat ful harde it is 1373
þe wolf ful and þe wether heele to haue
þis is to seyn þat men ful oft y-wis
Moot spenden part þe remenaunte for to saue 1376
For ay *with* gold men may þe herte graue
Of hym þat set is vp-on coueitise
And how I mene I shal it yowe deuyse 1379

(198)

¶ þe moeble which þat I haue in þis town 1380
Vn-to my fader shal I take and seye
þat right for truste and for sauacioun
It sent is from a frend of his or tweye 1383
þe which freindes feruentliche hym preye
To sende after more and þat in heye
Whil þat þis town stante þus in Iupartye 1386

(195)

¶ And ȝif so be þat pes þere may ben non 1359
ȝit hidir þow þere neuere pes were
I muste com for whidir schulde I gon
Or how myschaunce schulde I dwelle þere 1362
A-mong þe men of armys euere in fere
for wich so wisely god myn soule rede
I can not sen wherof ȝe schelde drede 1365

(196)

¶ Haue here a noþer woye ȝif it so be 1366
þat al þis þyng ne may ȝow not suffyse
Myn fadir as ȝe knowe wel þardo
Is holden elde & ful of coueityse 1369
And I ryȝt now haue foundyn al þe gise
With-outyn net / where I schal *him* hente
And herkenyth now ȝif þat ȝe wele assente 1372

(197)

¶ Lo Troy*lus* men seyn þat hard it is 1373
þo woful þe wheþer hol to haue (*)
þis is to seyne þat men ful ofte I-wis
Mot spendyn part þe remenaunt of to haue 1376
for ay *with* gold men may þo herte graue
Of hym þat set is vp-on coueityse
And how I mene I schal it ȝow deuyse 1379

(198)

¶ þe mobele wich þat I haue in þis toune 1380
Vn-to myn fadir I schal it take & ȝay
þat riȝt for trust & for sauacyone
I sent it to a frend of his or twey 1383
for wich frendis feruently *hym* prey
To sendyn aftyr more & in hye
Whil þat þis toun stant þus *in* iuparlye 1386

(199)

And þat shal ben an huge quantite. 1387
Thus shal I seyn but lest it folk aspie.
This may be sent by no wyght but by me.
I shal ek shewen hym yf þes hy-tyde 1390
what frendes ich haue on euery syde.
Toward þe Court to don þe wraþe pace.
Of Priamus / and don hym stonde in grace. 1393

(200)

So þat for oþer o þyng and for oþer swete. 1394
I shal hym so enchaunten wiþ my sawes.
That right in heuene his sowle-is shal he mete.
For al Appollo and or his Clerkes lawes. 1397
Or calkullynge auayleth nought þre hawes.
Desir of gold shal so his soule blynde.
That as me lyst .I. shal wel make an ende. 1400

(201)

And yf he wolde ought by hys sort it preue. [leaf 39] 1401
If þat I lye / in certayn I shal fonde.
Distorben hym / and plukke hym by þe sleue.
Makynge his sort / and beren hym on honde. 1404
He hath not wel þe goddes vnderstonde.
For goddes speken in Amphibologies.
And for a soth þey tellen .xx. lyes. 1407

(202)

Eke drede fond first goddes .I. suppose. 1408
Thus shal I seyn / and þat is cowarde herte.
Made hym a-mys þe goddes text to glose.
whan he for fered out of his Delphos sterte. 1411
And but I make hym soone to conuerte.
And don my red with-Inne a day or tweye.
I wol to yow oblige me to deye. 1414

(199)

¶ And þat shal ben an huge quantite [// i. of golde] 1387
þus shal I seyn / but list it folk aspiede
þis may be sente bi no wight but by me
I shal ek shewen hym if pees betyde 1390
what frendes þat ich haue on euery syde
Towarde þe courte to don the wreth space
Of Priamus / and don hym stonde in grace 1393

(200)

¶ So what for o thynge and for other swete 1394
I shal hym so enchaunten with my sawes
þat right in heuene his soul-is shal he mete
For alle appollo or his clerkes lawes 1397
Or kalkulynge auayleth nought thre hawes
Desire of gold shal so his soule blynde
þat as me liste I shal wel make an ende 1400

(201)

¶ And if he wol aught by his sorte it preue 1401
If that I lye / in certein I shal fynde
Destourben hym and plukke hym by the sleue
Makynge his sort / and beren hym on honde 1404
He hath not wele þe goddes vnderstonde
For goddes speken in amphibelogies
And for a soth they tellen twenty lyes 1407

(202)

¶ Ek drede fond firste goddes suppose [leaf 73, back] 1408
thus shal I seyn / and þat his coward herte
Made hym a-mys þe goddes text to glose
When he for ferde out of delphos sterte 1411
And but I make hym soon to conuerte
And don my rede with-Inne a day or tweye
I wol to ȝow oblige me to deye 1414

(199)

// And þat schal ben an heuge quantite [leaf 98] 138[illegible]
þat schal I seyn best lest hym self aspiede
þis may ben sent be no wiȝt but bi me
I schal ek schewyn hym ȝif þes betyde 139[illegible]
What frendis þat I haue on euery syde
Toward þe cuntre to don þe wrethe pase
Of Priamus & don hym stondyn in grase 1393

(200)

// So what for on þyng & for oþer swete 1394
I schal hym so enchantyn with myne sawis
þat ryȝt in heuene his soule schal he mete
ffor al appollo or hese clerkis lawys 1397
Or kakelyng avaylyth not þre hawis
Desyre of gold schal so his soule[1] blynde [1 soule, corrected]
þat as me lust I schal make an ende 1400

(201)

¶ And ȝif he wolde ouȝt by his sort it preue 1401
ȝif þat I [2]may in certayn I schal fondé [2 m corrected]
Disturbe hym & plokke hym bi þe sleue
Makynge his sort or beryn hym on honde 1404
He haþ not wel þe goddesse vndirstonde
ffor goddis spekyn in amphibologyis
And for a soth þey telle þat lyie[3] is [3 e is, corrected] 1407

(202)

// Ek dred fond fyrst goddis I suppose 1408
þus schal I seyn & ek his swerd he herde
Made hym a-mys þe goddys text so glose
Whan he for fer out of displese [4]sterede[4] [4—4 corrector] 1411
And but I make hym sone to conuerede[5] [5 ede, corrector]
And don myn red with-inne a day or twey
I wele to ȝow oblige me to dey 1414

(203)

And trewelyche as wreten wel I fynde. 1415
That al þis þyng was seyd of good entent.
And þat here herte trewe was and kynde.
Towardes hym / and spak right as she mente. 1418
And þat she starf for wo neigh whan she wente.
And was in purpos euere to be trewe.
Thus writen þey þat of here werkes knewe. 1421

(204)

This Troylus with herte and eerys spradde. 1422
Herde al þis þing deuysen to and fro.
And verraylich hym semed þat he hadde.
The same wit / but yet to late he[r] go. 1425
His herte mysforyaf [hym] euere mo.
But fynally he gan his herte wreste.
To trusten here / and tok it for þe beste. 1428

(205)

For which þe grete furye of his penaunce. 1429
was queynt with hope / and þer-with hem bi-twene.
By-gan for Ioye þe amorouse daunce.
And as þe briddes whan þe sonne is she[ne]. 1432
Deliten in here song yn leues grene.
Right so þe wordes þat þey spake y-fere.
Deliten hem / and made hire hertes clere. 1435

(206)

But nathles þe wendyng of Criseyde. [leaf 89, back] 1436
For al þis world *may nought* out of his mynde.
For whiche ful ofte he pitously here preyde.
That of here heste he might here trewe fynde. 1439
And seyde here certes yf ye be vnkynde.
And but ye come at day set in-to Troye.
Ne shal I neuere haue hele honour ne Ioye. 1442

(203)

¶ And treweliche as writen wel I fynde 1415
That al þis thynge was seyde in goode entent
And þat hire herte trewe was and kynde
Towardis hym and spak right as she mente 1418
And þat she for wo neigh when she wente
And was in purpos euere to be trewe
þus writen they þat of hire werkes knowe 1421

(204)

¶ To Troilus with herte and eres spradde 1422
Herd al þis thynge deuysen to and fro
And verliche it semed þat he hadde
The self wit / but to late hire go 1425
His herte mysforȝafe hym euere mo
And finaly he gan his herte wreste
To trusten hire and toke it for þe beste 1428

(205)

¶ For which þe grete furye of *his penaunce* 1429
was queynte with hepe and ther-*with* hem bytwene
Bygan for Ioye thamarouse daunce
And as the bryddes whan the sonne is shene 1432
Deliten in hire songe in leues grene
Right so þe wordes þat they spak Ifeere
Delites hem and made hire hertes chere 1435

(206)

¶ But natheles the wendynge of Criseyde 1436
For al þis world may not out of his mynde
For whiche ful oft he pitously hire preyde
þat of hire heste he may hire trewe fynde 1439
And seyde hire certes If ȝe be vnkynde
And but ȝe come at day set in-to Troye
Ne shal I neuere haue hele honour ne Ioye 1442

(203)

¶ And trewely as writyn wel I fynde 1415
þat al þis þyng was seyd in good entent
And þat hire herte trewe was & kynde
Towardis hym & spak ryȝt as sche ment 1418
And þat sche starf for wo ryȝt whan sche went
And was in purpos euere to ben trewe
þus write þey þat hire werkis knewe 1421

(204)

This Troilus with herte & eris spradde [leaf 98, back] 1422
herde al þis deuysyn to & fro
And verrily hym semyd þat he hadde
þe seluyȝt but ȝit to latyn hire go 1425
His herte mys-for-ȝaf hym euere mo
But fynnally he gan his herte wreste
To trustyn hire & tok it for þe beste 1428

(205)

¶ ffor wich þe grete furie of his penaunce 1429
Was queynt *with* hope & *þerwith* hem be-tweno
By-gunne for ioye þe amerous daunce
And as þese briddis whan þe sunne is schene 1432
Delite in hire song in leuys grene [? nowen in feere, by corrector]
Ryȝt so þe wordis þat ȝe knowen in feere[3]
Delite hem & made here hertis clere 1435

(206)

¶ But neuere þe les þe wyndyng of Crisseyde 1436
ffor al þis world may not out of his mynde
ffor which ful ofte pitousely he preyede
þat of hire hest he myȝte hire trewe fynde 1439
And seyde hire certis ȝif ȝe ben on-kynde
And but ȝe come at day set in troye
Ne schal I neuere haue honour ne ioye 1442

(207)

For al so soth as sonne vp rist on morwe.
And god so wisly bow me woful wrecche
To reste brynge out of his cruwel sorwe.
I wol my seluen sle yf þat ye drecche.
But of my dothe þough litel be to recche.
Yet or þat ye me cause so to smerte.
Dwelle rapere here myn owene swete herte.

(208)

For trewely myn owene lady dere.
Tho sleyghtes yet þat I haue herd yow stere.
Ful shaply ben to fayllen alle y-fere.
For þus men seyn þat con-penkeþ þe bere.
But al a noþer penketh h[i]s ledere.
Youre sire is wys / and soyd is out of drede.
Men may þe wyse at-renne but not a-rede.

(209)

It is ful hard to halten vn-espied.
By-fore a crepul for he kan on þe craft.
Youre fader is in sleyghte as Argus eyed.
For al be þat his moeble is hym by-raft.
His olde sleyghte is yet so with hym laft.
Ye shal not blende hym for youre womanhede.
Ne feyne a-right / and þat is alle my drede.

(210)

I not yf þes shal euere mo by-tyde.
But þes / or no / for ernest ne for game.
I wot syn Calkas on þe Grekes syde.
Hath ones ben / and lost so foule his name.
He dar nomore come here a-yen for shame.
For which þat weye for ought I kan espye.
To trustèn to / nys but a fantasye.

(207)

¶ For also soth as sonne vp-rist o morwe
And goꝺ so wysely thow me woful wrecche
To reste brynge out of þis cruel sorwe
I wol my-seluen sla if þat ȝe drecche
But of my ꝺeth / though litel be to recche
ȝet or þat ȝone me cauſen so to smerte
Dwelle rather here myn owen swete herte

(208)

¶ For trewely myn owene lady deere [leaf 74]
Tho sleightes ȝit þat I haue herde ȝowe steere
Ful shapely ben to faylen alle I-feere
For þus men seith þat con thynketh þe bere
But al a-nother thynketh his ledere
ȝour sire is wis / and seyde is out of drede
Men may the wise at-renne and nought atrede

(209)

¶ It is ful hard to halten vnspieꝺ
Bifor a crepul. for he kan the craft
ȝoure fader is in sleighte as argus eyeꝺ
For al be þat his mooble is hym by-raft
His olde sleighte is ȝit so with hym laft
ȝe shal nat blynde hym for ȝowre wommanhede
Ne feyne aright̃e and þat is alle my drede

(210)

¶ I not if þes shal euere mo bitide
But þees or no for ernest ne for game
I woot syn calkas on the grekes seyde
Hath oones ben / and lost so foule his name
He dar nomor com here ageín for shame
For whiche þat wey for aught I kan espye
To trusten on nys but a fantasye

(207)

¶ ffor also sone as sonne rist vp on morwe
And so wisely þow me woful wrecche
To reste brynge out of þis crowel sorwe
I wele myn selue ale ȝif þat ȝe droche
But of myn deþ þow litil be to roche
ȝit or þat ȝo me cause so to smerte
Dwelle rapere here myn owe dere herte

(208)

¶ ffor trowely myn owene ladi dere
þe sleiyes ȝit þat I here sfire
ful schaply ben to faylyn alle in fere
And þus men sen þat on þynkith þe here
But al a noþer þynkyth his ledere
ȝoure syre is wys & seyd is out of drede
Men may þe wise at rennyn & not at rede

(209)

¶ It is ful hard to haltyn on-espyed [leaf 99]
To-forn a crepil for he can þe craft
ȝowre fadir is in flyȝt as argus I-sede
ffor al be þat his mebil is hym be-raft
His olde sleyȝt is ȝit so with hym left
ȝe schal not blynde *him* for ȝoure womanhed
Ne foynyn a-tyȝt & *þat* is al myn dred

(210)

// I not ȝif þis pes schal euere betyde
ffor pes or non for ernest of for game
I wot syn calcas on þe grekys syde
Hap onys ben & lost so foule his name
He dare no more come here for schame
ffor which [1]that //[1] for ouȝt I can aspie [[1]—1 *by corrector*]
To tristyn on it is but folye

(211)

Ye shal ek sen yowre fader shal yow glose. [leaf 96] 1471
To bon a wyf / and as he kan wel preche.
He shal som grek so prese and wel a-lose.
That rauyssheu he shal yow with his speche. 1474
Or do yow don by force as he shal teche.
And Troylus of whom he nyl han roupe.
Shal causeles so sterneu in his roupe. 1477

(212)

And ouer al þis youre fader shal[1] despise. [1 *first* shal] 1478
Vs alle and seyn þis Cite nys but lorn.
And þat þassege neuere shal aryse.
For-why þe grekes han it alle sworn. 1481
Til we be slayn and doun oure walles torn.
Al þus he skal yon with his wordes fere.
That ay drede I þat ye wol-bleue þere. 1484

(213)

Ye shul ek sen so mani a lusty knyght. 1485
A-mong þe Grekes ful of worþynesse.
And eche of hem with herte wit and myght.
To plesen yow don al his besynesse. 1488
That ye shul dullen of þe rudenessa.
Of vs sely Troians / but yf roupe.
Remorde yow / or vertue of youre roupe. 1491

(214)

And þis to me so greuous is to penke. 1492
That fro my brest it wole my soule rende.
Ne dredles in me þer may not synke.
A good opynyoun yf þat ye wende. 1495
For-why youre faderes sleyghta wole vs shende.
And yf ye gon as I haue told yow yore.
So þenk I am but ded with-oute more. 1498

(211)

¶ 3e shal ek sen 3our fader shal 3ow glose 1471
To ben a wifs / and as he kan wel preche
He shal som greke so preyse and wele alose
þat rauyssheu he shal 3ow *with* his speche 1474
Or do 3ow don be force as he shal teche
And Troilus of on whom 3e nyl han routhe
Shal causeles so sterneu in his trouthe 1477

(212)

¶ And ouer al þis 3oure fader shal despise 1478
Vs alle / and seyn / þis cite nys but lorne
And þat thassage neuere shal arise
For-why þe grekes han it al sworne 1481
Tyl we be sleyne and doun our walles torn
And þus he shal 3ow *with* his wordes feere
þat ay drede I þat 3e wol bleuen theere 1484

(213)

¶ 3e shal ek seen so many a lusti knyght 1485
O-mange þe grekes ful of worthynesse
And ech of hem *with* hert wit and myght
To plesen 3ow don alle his biaynesse 1488
þat 3e shul dullen of the rudenesse
Of vs cely Troians / but if routhe
Remorde 3ow / or vertu of 3oure trouthe 1491

(214)

¶ And this to me so grouous is to thynke [leaf 74, back] 1492
þat fro my breeste it wol my soule sende
Ne dredeles in me ther may not synke
A goode opynyoun If þat 3e wende 1495
For-why 3oure faderes sleighte wol vs shende
And if 3e gon as I haue told 3ore
So thynke I naw but deede *with*-oute more 1498

(211)

¶ 3e schal ek sen 3oure fadyr schal 3ow glose[1] 1471
To ben a wif & as he can wel preche[1] [1 cse, cha, *corrector*]
He schal þat grek preyse & wel a-lose
þat he rauassch schal 3ow *with* his speche 1474
Or don 3ow don be fors as he schal teche
And on troylus whan 3e nyl haue routhe [1—2 *by corrector*]
[2]I schal ben ful wo by god & by myn trouthe[2] 1477

(212)

// And ouer þis 3oure fadir schal despise 1478
Vs alle & seyn þis cete is but lorn
And þat þe sege neuere schal a-ryse
for-þy þe grekys hauyn it alle I-sworn 1481
Til we be slayn & doun oure wall torn
And þus he schal 3ow *with* hise wordis fere
And ay drede I 3e wele be-leue þere 1484

(213)

¶ 3e schal ek sen so manye a lusty knyȝt 1485
A-mong þe grekys ful of worþynes
And eche of hem *with* herte wit & myȝt
To plesyn 3ow don al here[3] buxsomnes [3 here, *corrector*] 1488
þat 3e schul dullyn of þe rudenes
Of vs sely Troilus but ȝif routhe
Remoue 3ow aȝyn al of 3oure trouthe 1491

(214)

¶ And þis to me *so greuous* is to þynke [leaf 99, back] 1492
þat *from* myn breat it wele þ[e] soule rende
But dredles in me þere can not synke
O good opinyoun ȝif þat 3e wende 1495
for whi 3oure faderys sleyt wele 3ow schende
And ȝif 3e gon as I haue 3ow *told* 3ore [e *yt, corrected*]
So þynke I nay but dey[e4] *with*-outyn more 1498

(215)

For which with humble trewe and pitous herte.
A þousand tymes mercy I yow preye.
So rewes on myn aspre peynes smerte.
And doth somwhat / as þat I shal yow seye.
And lat vs stele a-way by-twext vs tweye.
And þenk þat folye is whan man may chese.
For accident is substaunce ay to lese.

(216)

I-mene þis þat syn we mowe or day. [leaf 80, back]
wel stele a-way and ben to-gedre se.
what nede were it to putten in assay.
In cas ye sholde to youre fader go.
If that ye myghth come a-yen or no.
Thus mene I þat it were-a gret folye.
To putte þat sikernesse in Iupartie.

(217)

And vulgar[l]y to speken of substaunce.
Of Tresour may we bope with vs lede.
Y-nowh / to lyue in honour and pleasaunce.
Til in-to tyme þat we shul ben dede.
And þus we may eschewen al þis drede.
For euerych oþer wey ye kan recorde.
Myn herte y-wys / may not ther-with acorde.

(218)

And hardely ne dredeth no powerte.
For I haue kyn / and frendes elles where.
That þough we comen in oure bare sherte.
Ve sholde neyþer lakke golde ne gere.
But ben honoured while we dwelten þere.
And go we a-noon for as yn myn entente.
This is þe beste yf þat ye wole assente.

(215)

¶ For which *with* humble trewe and pitouse herte
A thousand tyme mercy I ȝow preye
So reweth on myn aspre peynes smerte
And doth somwhat as þat I shal ȝow seye
And lat vs stele awey by-twyxe vs tweye
And thynke þat foly is whan man may chese
For accident his substaunce ay to lese

(216)

¶ I mene þis þat syn we mow or day
wele stele away and ben to-gideres so
what wit were it to putten in assay
In cas ȝe sholdon to ȝoure fader go
If þat ȝe myghten com ayein or no
Thus mene I that were a grete folye
To puten þat sykernesse in iu-partye

(217)

¶ And vulgarly to speken of substaunce
Of tresour may we bothe *with* vs lede
I-nouȝhe to haue in honour and plesaunce
Til in-to tyme þat we shal be dede
And þus we may esshuen al þis dreda
For euery other wey ȝe kan recorde
Myn herte I-wis may þer-*with* nought a-corde

(218)

¶ And hardily ne dredeth no powerte
For I haue kyn and frendes elles-were
þat though we comen in oure bare sherte
vs sholde neyther lakken golde ne gere
But ben *honoured* whil we dwellen there
And go we a-non for as in myn entente
þis is þe best if þat ȝe wol assente

(215)

// ffor which *with* vmbele trewe & pitous herte
A þousent tymys mercy I ȝow preye
So rewith on myne asper peynys smerte
And doþ come what as þat I schal ȝow seye
And lat vs stele awoy a-twixe vs tweye
And þyng þat foly is whan men may chese
ffor accident his substaunce ay to lese

(216)

¶ I mene þus syn we now or day
Wele stele away & ben to-godere so
What wit were þat ȝow to puttyn in a-say
In cass þey schuldyn to ȝoure fadir go
ȝif þat ȝe myȝtyn comyn ayen or no
þus mene I þat it were a grot foly
To putte þat sekirnes in iupardy

(217)

And wolgaly to speke of substaunce
Of tresore may we bope *with* vs lede
I-now to leue in honour & plesaunce
Tyl in-to tyme þat we schul be dede
And þus may we eschewyn al þis drede
ffor euerych oþer which ȝe can recorde
Myn herte I-wis may not *þerwith* acorde

(218)

¶ And hardeli dredyth non powert
ffor I haue kyn & frendis elf where
þat thow[1] we comyn in oure bare schert [1 thow corrected]
We schul noþer lakke gold ne gere
But ben honoured whil we dwelle þere
And go we a-non for as myn entent
þis is þ[e] beste ȝif ȝe wele assent

(219)

Criseyde with a syk right in þis wyse. 1527
Answered y-wys my dere herte trewe.
we may wel stele a-way as ye deuyse.
And fynde swyche vnthryfty weyes newe. 1530
But afterward ful sore it wole vs rewe.
And helpe me god so at my most nede.
As causeles ye suffren al þis drede. 1533

(220)

For þilke day þat I for cherysshynge. 1534
Or drede of fader or of oþer wight.
Or for estat / delit / or for weddynge.
Be fals to yow my Troylus my knyght. 1537
Saturnus doughter Iuno þorugh here myght.
As wod as Athamante do me dwelle.
Eternaly in Stix þe put of helle. 1540

(221)

And this on euery god celestial. [leaf 91] 1541
I swere it yow and ek on eche goddesse.
On euery Nymphe and deite infernal.
On satiry and fawny more lesse. 1544
That halue goddes ben of wildernesse.
And Attropos my þred of lyf þow breste.
If I be fals / now trowe me yf þow leste. 1547

(222)

And þow Symoys þat as an arwe clere. 1548
Thorugh Troye rennest ay downward to þe see.
Bere wittenesse of þis word þat seyd is here.
That þilke day þat ich vntrewe be. 1551
To Troylus myn owen herte free.
That þow retorne bakwarde to þi welle.
And I wiþ body and soule synke in helle. 1554

(219)

¶ Cryseyde *with* a syk ryght in þis wyse 1527
Answerde I-wis my deere herte trewe
we may wel stele a-way as ȝe deuyse
And fynden swich vnthrifty wayes newe 1530
But efterward ful sore it wol vs rewe
And help me god so at my most nede
As causeles ȝe suffren alle this drede 1533

(220)

¶ For thylke day þat I for cherisynge [leaf 75] 1534
Or drede of fader or of any other wight
Or for estat delit or for weddynge
Be fals to ȝow my Troilus my knyghte 1537
Saturnes doughter Iuno th[r]ough hyre myghte
As wood as athamante do me dwelle
Eternaliche in stix þe put of helle 1540

(221)

¶ And þis on euery god celestial 1541
I swere it ȝow / and ek on ech goddesse
On euery Nymphe and deyte infernal
On satury and fawny more and lesse 1544
þat halue goddes ben of wildernesse
And attropos my thred of lif to-breste
If I be fals now. trowe me if ȝow leste 1547

(222)

¶ And thow symoys þat as an arwe clere 1548
Th[r]ough Troye rennest ay downwarde to þe se
Ber witnesse of þis word þat seyde is here
þat thilke day þat ich vntrewe be 1551
To Troilus myn owen herte fre
þat thow retourne bakkwarde to thy welle
And I *with* body and soule synk in helle. 1554

(219)

CRisseyde *with* a syk ryȝt in þis wise [leaf 100] 1527
Answerede I-wis myn dere herte trewe
We may wel stele away as we deuyse
Or fyndyn sweche onþrifty woyes newe 1530
But aftyrward ful sore it wele vs rewe
And help me god so at myn moste nede
As causeles ȝe suffere al þis drede 1533

(220)

¶ ffor ilke day þat for cherisyng 1534
Or dred of fadyr or of ony oþer wyȝt
Or for estat delyȝt or for weddyng
Ben fals to ȝow myn Troilus myn knyȝt 1537
Saturnys douȝtyr iuno þour hire myȝt
As wode achamaunt do me dwelle
Eternally [1]*with*-in[1] þe pit of helle [1—1 corrected] 1540

(221)

¶ And þis on euery god celestial 1541
I [2]swere it ȝow & ek on eche goddesse [2 s, corrector]
þat euery nemphe or deþ enfernal
On satarye & fany more & lesse 1544
þat half goddis ben of wildirnesse
And antropos myn þred only to-breste
ȝif I be fals now trowe me ȝif þou leste 1547

(222)

¶ And ȝow symoys þat as an arwe schere 1548
þour Trowe rennyst dounward to þ[e] se se
Bere witnesse of þis word[3] þat I seye here [3 d, corrected]
þat ilke day þat I vn-trewe be 1551
To troylus myn owene herte fre[4] [4 re, thyn, corrected]
þat þey returne bakward in to thyn[4] welle
And I *with* body & soule synke in-to helle 1554

(223)

But þat ye speke alwey þus for to go. 1555
And leten alle youre frendes god for-bede.
For ony wommán þat ye sholden so.
And namly syn Troye hath now swych nede. 1558
Of help and ek of o þyng taketh hede.
If þis were wist my lif lay in balaunce.
And your honour / god shilde vs fro myschaunce. 1561

(224)

And yf so be þat pes her-after take. 1562
As alday happeþ after anger game.
why lord þe sorwe and wo ye wolden make.
That ye ne dorste come a-yen for shame. 1565
And er þat ye Iuparten so youre name.
Beth nought to hasty in þis hote fare.
For hasty man ne wanteth neuere care. 1568

(225)

What trowe ye þat þe peple ek of al aboute. 1569
wolde of it seye / it is ful lyght to arede.
They wolden seye / and swere it out of doute.
That loue ne drof yow nought to don þis dede. 1572
But lust voluptuous / and coward drede.
Thus were al lost y-wys myn herte dere.
Yowre honour which þat now shyneth so clere. 1575

(226)

And also þenketh on myn honeste. [leaf 91, back] 1576
That floureth yet how foule it sholde it shende.
And with what filþe it spotted sholde be.
If in þis forme I sholde with yow wende. 1579
Ne þough I lyuede vn-to þe worldes ende.
My name sholde I neuere a-yenward wynne.
Thus were I lost and þat were rouþe & synne. 1582

(223)

¶ But þat ȝe spek away þus for to go 1555
And letten alle ȝoure frendes god forbede
For any wo*m*man þat ȝe sholde so
And namely syn Troye hath now swiche nede 1558
of help and ek of [o] thynge taketh hede
If þis were wist my lif lay in balaunce
And ȝoure hono*ur* god shilde vs fro myschaunce 1561

(224)

¶ And if so be þat pees here-after take 1562
As alday happeth after anger game
Why lord þe wo and sorwe ȝe wolden make
þat ȝe ne dorst come aȝeyne for shame 1565
And er þat iu-*par*ten so ȝoure name
Beth nought to hastif in þis hote fare
For hastif man wanthe neuere care 1568

(225)

¶ what trow ȝe ek þe peple alle aboute 1569
wold of it seye / it is a ful light tarede
They wolden seye / and swere it oute of doute
þat loue ne drof ȝow nought to don þis dede 1572
But lust voluptuous and cowarde drede
Thus were al loste I-wis my herte deere
ȝoure hono*ur* which þat now shyneth so cleere 1575

(226)

¶ And also thynketh on myn honeste [leaf 75, back] 1576
þat floureth ȝet how foul I shold it shende
And *with* what filthe it spotted shold be
If in þis fourme I shold with ȝow wende 1579
And though I lyued vn-to þe worldes *ende*
My name shold I neu*ere* a-ȝeynwarde wynne
þus were I lost and þat were routhe and synne 1582

(223)

¶ But þat ȝe speke awoy þus to go 1555
And lete alle oure frendis god forbede
ffor ony woman *þat* ȝe schuldyn so
And namely sithe troye haþ now swich nede 1558
Of helpe & ek of on þyng takyþ hede
ȝif þis were wist myn lyf leye in balau*n*ce
And ȝ*oure* hono*ur* god schylde vs fro*m* myschau*n*ce 1561

(224)

¶ And ȝif so be *þat* pes hereaftyr take [leaf 100, back] 1562
As alday happith aftyr angir game
Whi lord þ^e sorwe *þat* ȝe wolde make
þat ȝe ne durstyn comyn a-ȝyn for schame 1565
And er þat ȝe enp*ar*tyn so ȝ*oure* name
Beþ not to hastyþ in þis hote fare
ffor hastyf man wantede neu*ere* care 1568

(225)

¶ What trowe ȝe þ^e pepele ek al aboute 1569
Wolde of it seyn it is ful lyȝt torede
þey woldyn seyn & sweryn out of doute
þat loue ne drof ȝow not to do þat dede 1572
But lust volupteuo*us* & ek coward drede
þus were al lost I-wis myn herte dere
ȝoure hono*ur* wich þat now schynyth so clere 1575

(226)

¶ And also þynkyth on myn honeste 1576
þat flo*ur*ith ȝit how foule I schulde it schende
And *with* what folye it spoylid schulde be
ȝif in þis forme I schulde *with* ȝow wynde 1579
Ne þow I leuede in-to þis worldis ende
Myn name schulde I neu*ere* aȝinward wyn
þis were al lost & *þat* were reuthe & syn 1582

(227)

And for-þi sle with reson al þis hete. 1583
Men seyn þe suffraunt ouercometh par de.
Ek who-so wole han leef he leef mote lete.
Thus makeþ vertue of necessite. 1586
By pacient and þenk þat lord is he.
Of fortune ay þat nought wole of here recche.
And she ne daunteth no wight but a-wrecche. 1589

(228)

And trusteþ þis þat certes herte swete. 1590
Er Phebus suster lucyna the shene.
The leon passe out of þis ariete.
I wol ben here with-outen ony wene. 1593
I mene as helpe me Iuno heuenes queene.
The tenthe day / but yf þat deth me assayle.
I wol yow sen with-outen ony fayle. 1596

(229)

And now so þis be soth quod Troylus. 1597
I shal wel suffre vn-to the tenþe day.
Syn þat I se þat nede it mot be þus.
But for þe loue of god yf it be may. 1600
So lat vs stele pryuely a-way.
For euere in oon as for to lyue in reste.
Myn herte seyþ it wole ben þe beste. 1603

(230)

O mercy god / what lyf is þis quod she. 1604
Allas ye sle me þus for verray tene.
I se wel now þat ye mystrusten me.
For by youre wordes it is wel I-sene. 1607
Now for þe loue of Cynthes þe shene.
Mystrust me not þus causeles for routhe.
Syn to be trewe I haue yow plyght my trouthe. 1610

(227)

¶ And for-þi sle *with* reson al þis hete 1583
Men seyn the suffrant ouercometh *parde*
Ek who-so wol han lief he lyfe moot leete
Thus maketh *vertue* of necessite 1586
By paciens / and thynke þat lorde *is* he
Of fortune ay that naught wol of hire reche
And she ne doutheth no wight but o wreche 1589

(228)

¶ And trusteth þis þat *certes* herte swete 1590
Er Phebus suster lucyus the shene
l. signum leonis l. signum arietis
þe leon passe oute of this ariete
I wol ben here with-outen any wene 1593
I mene as help me Iuno heuynesse queene
þe tenthe day but if þat deth messaile
I wol ȝow sen with-outen any fayle 1596

(229)

¶ And now so þis be soth quod Troilus 1597
I shal wel suffre vn-to þe tenthe day
Syn that I se þat nede it mot be þus
But for þe loue of god if it be may 1600
So lat vs stele pryuely a-way
For euere in oone as for to lyue in reste
Myn herte seith þat it wol be þe beste 1603

(230)

¶ O *mercy* god what lyfe is þis quod she 1604
Allas ȝe sle me thus for verray tene
I se wel now þat ȝe mystrusten me
For by ȝoure wordes it is wel I-seene 1607
Now for þe loue of cynthia the sheene
Mystruste *me naught* þus causeles for routhe
Syn to be trew I haue ȝow plyght my trouth 1610

(227)

¶ And for-þi sle *with* resoun al þis hete 1583
Aȝen serwe þe sufferaunt ouercomyth *parde*
Ek ho so-wele haue leue leue mote lete
þis makyth vertu of necessite 1586
Beþ pacient & þynkith þat lord is he
Of fortune ay þat nouȝt wele of hire reche
And so ne dauntyth no wyȝt but a wreche 1589

(228)

¶ And trustyth þis *þat* sertis herte swete 1590
Or phebus systyr lucyna þe schene
þe lyoun passe out of þis aryete
I wele ben here *with*-outyn ony wene 1593
I mene as helpe me Iuno heuen queene
þe tente day but ȝif deth me asayle
I wele ȝow sen *with*-outyn ony fayle 1596

(229)

And now so þis be soth *quod* Troilus [leaf 101] 1597
I schal wel suffere vn-to þe tente day
Syn þat I se *þat* it muste ben þus
But for þe loue of god ȝif it be may 1600
So lat vs stelyn pryuly away
ffor euere in on as for to leue in rest
Myn herte seyth þat it wele ben þe best 1603

(230)

¶ O mercy god what lyf is þis quod sche 1604
Allas ȝe sle me þus for verray tene
I se wel now þat ȝe mistrostyn[1] me [1 rostyn, corrected]
ffor by ȝoure wordis it is wel I-sene 1607
Now for þe loue of synthea þe schene
Mistruste me not þus causeles[2] for reuthe [2 u, corrector]
Syn to ben trewe I haue plyȝt ȝow myn treuthe 1610

(231)

And thenketh wel þat som tyme it is wit. [leaf 97] 1611
To spende a tyme / a tyme for to wynne.
Ne parde lorn am I nought fro yow yet.
Though þat we ben a day or two a twynne. 1614
Dryf out þe fantasies yow wiþ-Inne.
And trusteth me / and leueth ek youre sorwe.
Or her my trouþe I wol not lyue til morwe. 1617

(232)

For if ye wiste how sore it doth me smerte. 1618
Ye wolde cesse of þis for god þow wost.
The pure spirit wepeþ in myn herte.
To se yow wepen þat I loue most. 1621
And þat I mot goh to þe Grekes ost.
Ye nere it þat I wist remedie.
To com a-yeyn / right here I wolde dye 1624

(233)

But certes I am not so nyce a wyght. 1625
Þat I ne kan ymagynen a weye.
To come a-yen þat day þat I haue hight.
For who may holde þing þat wole a-way. 1628
My fader nought for al his queynte pley.
And by my þryft my wendynge out of Troye.
A-noþer day shal torne vs alle to Ioye. 1631

(234)

For-thy with al myn herte I yow beseche. 1632
Yf þat yow lyst don ough for my preyere.
And for þe loue which þat I loue yow eke.
That er þat I departe fro yow here. 1635
That of þe good of comfort & a chere.
I may you sen / þat [ye] may brynge at reste.
Myn herte / which þat is o poyn to breste. 1638

(231)

¶ And þynketh wel þat som tyme it is wit 1611
To spende a tyme / a tyme for to wynne
Ne parde lorne am I nought fro yow yit
Though þat we ben a day or tweye a-twynne 1614
Dryfe oute þe fantasies yow fro with-Inne
And trusteþ me and leueth ek youre sorwe.
Or here my trouthe I wol nought lyue tyl morwe 1617

(232)

¶ For if ye wiste how sore it doth me smerte [leaf 76] 1618
Ye wolde cesse of þis / for god thow wooste
The pure spirit wepeth in myn herte
To se yow wepen þat I loue moost 1621
And þat I moot gon to þe grekes ost
Ye nere it þat I wiste remedye
To com a-yeyn right here I wolde dye 1624

(233)

¶ But certes I am nought so nyce a wight 1625
þat I ne kan ymagynen a way
To come a-yeyn þat day þat I haue hight
For who may holde a thynge þat wol awey 1628
My fader naught for al his queynte pleye
And by my thrifte my wendynge out of troye
A-nother day shal com vs al to Ioye 1631

(234)

¶ For-þi with al myn herte I yow beseke 1632
If þat yow liste don ought for my preyere
And for þat loue whiche þat I loue yow eke
þat er þat I departe fro yow here 1635
þat of so goode a confort and a chere
I may yow sen / þat ye may brynge at reste
Myn herte whiche þat is a poynte to breste 1638

(231)

¶ And þynkyth ek *þat* sumtyme it is wit 1611
To spende a tyme a tyme for to wyn
Ne *parde* lorn am I not for yow yit
Þouȝ þat we ben a day or too a-twyn 1614
Dryueþ out þe fantasyis *yow with*-in
And trosteþ me & leuyth ek youre sorwe
Or here myn treuthe I wele not loue to morwe 1617

(232)

¶ ffor ȝif ye wiste how sore it doþ me smert 1618
Ye wolde [1]chese of þis for god þou wist [1 c. *corrected*]
Þe pore spyryt wepiþ in myn herte
To se ȝow wepe þat I loue most 1621
And þat I mote gon to þe Grekys ost
Ȝa / nere it þat I wyste remedye
To come a-ȝyn ryȝt here wolde I dye 1624

(233)

But certis I am not so nyse a wiȝt 1625
þat I ne can / Imagyn alway
To come a-ȝyn / þat day þat I haue hyȝt
ffor who may / holdyn þat wele a-way 1628
Myn fadyr not / for his queynte play
And be myn þryft myn wendyng out of troye
A noþer day schal turne vs alle to Ioye 1631

(234)

¶ ffor-þy *with* al myn herte I ȝow beseche [leaf 101, back] 1632
ȝif þat ȝe liste don onȳ þyng for myn preyere
And for þe loue wich *I loue* ȝow ek
þat ar I *departe from* ȝow here 1635
þat of so good confort & chere
I may ȝow se *þat* ȝe may brynge at reste
Myn herte which þat is o poynt to breste 1638

(235)

And ouer al þis I pray yow quod she þo. 1639
Myn owen hertes sothfast suffisaunce.
Syn I am þyn al hool with-outen mo.
That whil þat I am assent no plesaunce. 1642
Of oþere / do ye me fro youre remembraunce.
For I am euere a-gast / for-whi men rede.
That loue is þing ay ful of bysy drede. 1645

(236)

For yn þis world / þer lyueth lady noon. [leaf 92, back] 1646
If þat ye were vntrewe as god defende.
That so bytraysed were or wo bygon.
As I þat al trouþe in yow entende. 1649
And douteles yf þat ych oþer wende.
I nere but ded / and er ye cause fynde.
For goddes loue / so beth me not vnkynde. 1652

(237)

To þis answerede Troylus and seyde. 1653
Now god to whom þer nys no cause y-wrye.
Me glad as wys I neuere vn-to Criseyde.
Syn þilke day I saw here first with eye. 1656
Was fals ne neuere shal til þat I dye.
At short wordes wel ye may me leue.
I kan no more / it shal be founde at preue. 1659

(238)

Graunt mercy good myn y-wys quod she. 1660
And blysful Venus lat me neuere sterue.
Er I may stonde of plesaunce in degre.
To quyte hym wel þat so wel kan deserue. 1663
And whil þat my wit wol me conserue.
I shal so don so trewe I haue yow founde.
That ay honour to meward shal rebounde. 1666

(235)

¶ And ouer alle þis I preye quod she tho 1639
Myn own herte sothfaste suffisaunce
Syn I am þin alle hole with-outen mo
þat whil þat I am absente no plesaunce 1642
Of other do me fro ȝoure remembraunce
For I am euere a-gast for-why men rede
þat loue is thynge ay ful of bysy drede 1645

(236)

¶ For in þis worlde ther lyueth lady noon 1646
If þat ȝe were vn-trewe as god defende
þat so be-trayseď were or wo-by-gon
As I þat al trouthe in ȝow entende 1649
And douteles if þat ich other wende
I nere but deď / and er ȝe cause fynde
For goddes loue so beth me nought vnkynde 1652

(237)

¶ To þis answerde Troilus and seyde 1653
Now god to whom ther nys no cause ywrye
Me glad / as wis I neuere vnto Cryseyde
Syn thilke day I saugh hire first with eye 1656
Was fals / ne neuer shal tyl þat I deye
At short wordes wele ȝe may me lette
I kan no more it shal be founde at preue 1659

(238)

¶ Graunte mercy goode myn I-wis quod she [lf 78, bk] 1660
And blisful venus lat me neuere sterue
Er I may stounde of plesaunce in degre
To quyte hym wel þat so wele kan deserue 1663
And whil þat goď my wit wol me conserue
I shal so don so trewe I haue ȝow founde
þat ay honour to me warde shal rebounde 1666

(235)

¶ And ouer al þis I prey ȝow quoď sche þo 1639
Myn owene herte soþfast sufficiaunce
Sithyn I am þyn al hol with-outyn mo
þat whil þat I am absence no plesaunce 1642
Of oþere do me from ȝoure remembraunce
ffor I am euere a-gast for whi men rede
þat loue is þyng ay ful of busy drede 1645

(236)

¶ ffor in þis world þere lyuyth lady non 1646
Ȝif þat ȝe were ontrewe god [1]defende[1] [1—1 corrector]
þat be-trayed were or wo-begon
As I þat al treuthe in ȝow entende 1649
And douteles ȝif þat I oþer wende
I were but ded & ȝif ȝe cause fynde
ffor goddis loue beþ no more onkynde 1652

(237)

¶ To þis leue Troilus answerde & seyde 1653
Now god to whom þere is no þouȝt I-wrie
Me glade as wis I neuere to Crisseyde
Sin þeilke day I sey here ferst with eye 1656
Was [2]neuere fals ne schal tyl that I deye[2] [2—2 by corrector]
As schorte wordis wel ȝe may me leue
I can nomore it schal be founde at preue 1659

(238)

GRaunt mercy Iwis goode myn quoď sche 1660
And blysful venus let me neuere sterue
Oor I may stonde of plesaunse in degre
To quyte hym wel þat so wel can deserue 1663
And whil þat god myn wit wele me conserue
I schal so don so trewe I haue ȝow founde
þat ay honour to meward schal rebounne 1666.

[*Leaf* 102 *is cut out of the MS.*]

(239)

For trustep wel þat youre estat royal.
Ne veyn delit / nor couly worþinesse.
Of yow in werre / or torney Marcial.
Ne pompe aray / nobley or ek richesse.
Ne made me to Rewe on youre distresse.
But moral vertue grounded vpon trouþe.
That was þe cause / I first hadde on yow rouþe.

(240)

Ek gentil herte and manhod þat ye hadde.
And þat ye hadde as me þoughte in despit.
Euery thing þat souned in-to badde.
As rudenesse an pepelyssh appetit.
And þat yowre resoñ bridled youre delit.
This made a-bouen euery creature.
That I was youre and shal whil I may dure.

(241)

And this may lengthe of yeres not for-do. [leaf 93]
Ne remuable fortune deface.
But Iuppiter þat of his myght may do.
The sorwful to be glad so yeue vs grace.
Er nyghtes ten / to meten in þis place.
So þat it may youre herte and myn suffice.
And fareth now wel for tyme is þat ye ryse.

(242)

And after þat þey longe y-pleyned hadde.
And ofte I-kyst and streyght in armes folde.
The day gan ryse and Troylus hym cladde.
And rowfullych his lady gan byholde.
As he þat felte dethes cares colde.
And to his grace he gan hym recomaunde.
wher hym was wo / þis holde I no demaunde.

(239)

¶ For trusteth þat 3oure estat real
Ne veyn delit / nor conely worthinesse
Of 3ow in werre or tournay marcial
Ne pomp / array / nobley / or ek richesse
Ne made me to rew on 3oure destresse
But moral virtue grounded vp-on trowthe
þat was þe cause I firste hadde on 3ow routhe

(240)

¶ Eke gentil herte and manhode þat 3e hadde
And þat 3e hadde as me thought in despite
Euery thynge þat souned in-to badde
As rudenesse and peoplissh appetite
And þat 3oure reson bridelede 3oure delite
þis made abouen euery creature
þat I was 3oure and shal whil I may dure

(241)

¶ And þis may lenght of 3eres nought for-do
Ne renuable fortune deface
But Iuppiter þat of his myght may do
þe sorwful to be glad so 3eue vs grace
Er nyghtes x. to meten in this place
So þat it may 3oure herte and myn suffise
And fareth now wel for[1] þat 3e rise [1 tyme is, *later, written in margin*]

(242)

¶ And after that they longe ypleyned hadde
And oft kyste and streyte in armes folde
þe day gan ryse and Troilus hym cladde
and rewfulliche his lady gan by-holde
As he þat felte dethes cares colde
And to hire grace he gan hym to recomaunde
where he was wo þis holde I no demaunde

(243)

For mannes hed ymagynen ne kan.
Nen-tendément considere / ne tonge telle.
This cruwel peynes of þis sorwful man.
That passen every torment doun in helle.
For he saugh þat she ne myghte dwelle.
which þat his soule out of his herte rente.
with-outen more out of þe chaumbre he wente.

Explicit liber Quartus.

(243)

¶ For mannes hed ymagynen ne kan
Ne mendement considere ne tonge telle
þe cruel peynes of þis sorwful man
þat passen every torment down in helle
For when he saugh þat she ne myght dwelle
whiche þat his soule out of his herte rente
with-outen more out of þe chaumber he wente

Explicit liber quartus

[*Campsall MS, on leaf* 93.]

[*The MS. tagd* f, g, k, t, *are not printed in this book.*]

Incipit Liber. quintus.

(1) (*Proem*)

A Prochen gan the fatal destyne. [*Teseide* IX. 1.] 1
That Ioues hath in disposicioun.
And to yow angry Parcas sustren þre.
Comytted to don execucion. 4
For which Criseyde moste out of þe toun.
And Troylus shal dwelle forth yn pyne.
Til Lachesis his þreed no lengere twyne. 7

(2) (*The Story*) [leaf 93, back]

The goldtressed Phebus heighe on lofte. [*Teseide* II. 1.] 8
Thries hadde al with his bemes clere.
The snowes molte / and Zephirus as ofte.
Y-brought a-yen þe tendre leues grene. 11
Syn þat þe sone of Ecuba the queene.
By-gan to loue here first for whom *his* sorwe.
was al þat she departe sholde o morwe. 14

(3)

Ful redy was at Pryme Dyomede. 15
Criseyde vn-to þe Grekes ost for to lede.
For sorwe of which she felte here herte blede.
As she þat nyst what was best to rede. 18
And trewely as men in bokes rede.
Men wyst neuere womman han þe care.
Ne was so loth out of [a] town to fare. 21

[*Harleian MS.* 2280, *leaf* 77.]

(1) (*Proem*)

A prechen gan þe fathel destynei 1
That Ioues hath in dispossisioun
And to ȝow angry parcas sustren thre
Comitteth to don execucioune 4
For whiche Criseyde most out of þe towne
And Troilus shal dwellen forth in peyne
Til lathesis his thred no longer twyne. 7

(2) (*The Story*)

¶ þe gold tressed phebus heigh on lofte 8
Thries hadde alle with his bemes clere
þe snowes molte and ȝephirus as ofte
Ybrough[t] aȝeyn þe tender leues grene 11
Syn þat the sone of ecuba þe queene
By-gan to loue hire firste for whom his sorwe
was alle þat she departe sholde a morwe 14

(3)

¶ Ful redy was at *prime* Dyomede 15
Criseyde vn-to þe grekes oste to lede
For sorwe of which she felt hire herte blede
as she þat nyste what was best to rede 18
And trewly as men in bokes rede
Men wiste neuer womman han þe care
Ne was so loth out of a town to fare 21

(4)

This Troylus with-outen red or lore.
As man þat hāth his Ioyes ek forlore.
was waytynge on his lady euermore.
As she þat was þe sop fast crop and more.
Of al his lust / or Ioyes here byfore.
But Troylus farewel now al þi Ioye.
For shaltow neuere sen here eft in Troye.

(5)

Soth is þat whil he bod in *þis* manere.
He gan his wo ful manly for to hyde.
That wel vnęþe it sene was in his chere.
But at þe yate þere she sholde oute ryde.
with certeyn folk / he housede here tabyde.
So wo bygon al wolde he nought hym pleyne.
That on his hors vnneþe he sat for peyne.

(6)

For Ire he quok so gan his herte gnawe.
whan Diomede on hors gan hym dresse.
And seyde vn-to hym-self þis ilke sawe.
Allas quod he þus foul a wrecchednesse.
why suffre ich it / whi nyl ich do it redresse.
were it not bet at onys for to dye.
Than euermore in langour þus to drye.

(7)

Whi nyl I .I. make at onys ryche and pore. [leaf 84]
To haue y-nowh to done or þat she-go.
why nyl I bryngę al Troye vpon a rore.
Whi nyl I slen þis Diomede also.
why nyl I rapere wiþ a man or two.
Stele here a-way / whi wole I *þis* endure.
whi nyl I helpen to myn owene cure.

(4)

¶ This Troilus *with*-outen reed or lore
as man þat hath his Ioyes ek fore
was waythynge on his lady euere more
As she þat was sothfaste crop and moore
Of his lust and Ioyes here-to-fore
But Troylus now fare wel al thy Ioye
For shaltow neuere se hire eft in Troye

(5)

¶ Soth is þat while he bode in þis manere
He gan his wo ful manly for to hyde
þat wel vnnethes it sene was in his chere
But at þe ȝate ther she sholde oute ryde
with certeyn folk he houed hire tabide
So by-gan al wolde he nought hym pleyne
þat on his hors vnneth he sat for pyne

(6)

¶ For ire he quook so gan his herte gnawe
when dyomede on hors gan hym dresse
And seyde vn-to hym self þis ilke sawe
Allas quod he þus foule a wrechedenesse
whi suffre ich it whi nyl ich it redresse
were it not bet at cones for to dye
þan euere more in langoure þus to crye

(7)

¶ why nyl I make atones rich and pore [leaf 77, back]
To haue Inough to done or þat she go
whi nyl I bryngę alle Troie vp on a rore
whi nyl I slen þis dyomede al so
whi nyl I rather with a man or two
Stele hire a-way whi wol þis endure
whi nyl holpen to myn swene cure

[*Camb. Univ. Libr. MS. Gg. 4. 27, leaf* 103 : *leaf* 102 *has been cut out of the MS.*]

(6)

¶ ffor yre he quok so gan his herte gnawe 36
Whan dyomede on horse gan hyr[1] dresse [1 *r, corrected*]
And seyde to hym self þis ilke sawe
Allas quod he þus foul a-wrechedenes 39
Whi suffere I it whi nyl I it[2] redresse [2 *I it, corrected*]
Were it not bet at onys for to doye
þan euermore þus languryngę to drye 42

(7)

// Whi nyl I make at onys ryche or pore 43
To haue I-now to don or þan sche go
Whi nyl I bryngę al Troye vp on a rore
Whi nyl I sle þis dyomede also 46
Whi nyl I rapere with a man or to
Stele hire a-way whi wil I[3] *þis* endure [3 *wil I, corrected*]
Whi nyl I helpyn to myn owene cure 49

(8)

But whi he nolde don so fel a dede. 50
That shal I seyn and why hym lyst it spare.
He hadde in herte alweys a manere drede.
Lest þat Cryseyde yn rumour of þis fare. 53
Sholde han ben slayn / lo this was al his care.
And elles certeyn as I seyde yore.
He hadde it don with-outen wordes more. 56

(9)

Criseyde whan she redy was to ryde. 57
Ful sorwfully she sight and seyde allas.
But forth she mot for ought þat may bytyde.
And forth she right ful sorwfully a pas. 60
Ther nys non oþer remedye yn þis cas.
what wonder is þat þough here sore smerte.
whan she forgoth here owene swete herte. 63

(10)

This Troylus yn wyse of curtasie. 64
with hauk on hond and with an huge route.
Of knyghtes / rod and dide here compaynye.
Passynge al þe valey fer with-oute. 67
And ferþere wold han ryden out of doute.
Ful fayn / and wo was hym to gon so sone.
But torne he moste / and it was ek to done. 70

(11)

And right with þat was Antenor I-come. 71
Out of þe Grekes ost and euery wyght.
was of it glad / and seyde he was wel-come.
And Troylus / al nere his herte lyght. 74
He peynede hym with al his fulle myght.
Hym to with-holde of wepynge at þe leste.
And Antenor he kyste and made feste. 77

(8)

¶ But whi he nolde don so fel a dede 50
þat shal I seyn and whi hym liste it spare
He hadde in herte alweyes a manere drede
Lyste þat Criseyde in Rumour of þis fare 53
Shold han ben slayn / lo þis was al hise care
and elles certeyn as I seyde yore
He hadde it done with-outen wordes more 56

(9)

¶ Criseyde when she redy was to ride. 57
Ful sorwfully she sighte and seyde allas
But forth she mot for ought at may bitide
And forth she rite ful sorwfully a pas 60
Ther is non other remedie in þis cas
þat wonder is though þat hyre soore smerte
when she for-gothe hire owen swete herte 63

(10)

¶ This Troilus in wyse of curteysie 64
with hauke on hond and *with* an huge route
Of knyghtes / rood and dide hyre compaynye
Passynge alle the valeye fer with oute 67
And ferther wold han riden out of doute
Ful fayn / and wo was hym to gon so soone
But torne he moste and it was eke to done 70

(11)

¶ And right with þat was antenor ycome 71
Oute of þe grekes oste and euery wight
was of it glad / and seyde he was welcome
And Troilus al nere his herte lighte 74
He peyned hym with his ful myghte
Hym to with-holde of wepynge at þe leeste
And antenor he kyste and made feeste 77

(8)

¶ But whi he nolde do so fel a dede 5
þat schal I say & whi hym liste it spare
He hadde in herte alwoy a maner drede
Lest Crisseide in rumur of þis fare 5
Scholde a be slayn lo þis was al his care
And ell serteyn as I seyde to-fore [ell = elli
He hadde it do *with*-oute wordis more 5

(9)

// Criseyde whan þat sche was redi for to ryde 5
ful sorwefully sche syhede & seyde allas
But forth[1] sche muste for ouȝt þat may be-tyde
And forthe sche rauȝt ful sorwefully apas [1 rth, corrector] 6
And ofte sche syhede & seyde allas
What wondyr ist þow þat hire sore smert
Whan sche for-goþ hire owene dere hert 6

(10)

¶ þis Troylus in wise of curteysye 6
With hauk & hound & *with* an heuge route
Of knyȝtis rede & dede hire cumpany
Passynge al þe valey fer *with*-oute 6
And ferþere wolde han redyn *with*-outyn doute
ful fayn & wo was hym to gon so sone
But turne he muste & ek it was to done 7

(11)

¶ And ryȝt *with* þat was antenore I-come [Leaf 103, back] 7
Ouȝt of grekis ost & *euery* wiȝt
Was of it glad & seyde he was wolcome
And Troilus al nere his herte lyȝt 7
He peynyde hym *with* al his fulle myȝt
Hym to *with*holde of wepynge at þe leste
And antenore kyste & made feste. 7

(12)

And per-with-al he moste his leue take. [leaf 84, back] 78
And caste his eye vpon hefe pitously.
And ner he rod his cause for to make.
To take here by pe hond al sobrely. 81
And lord so she gan wepen tendrely.
And he ful softe and sleyghly gan here seye.
Now hold yowre day / and doth me not to deye. 84

(13)

With pat his courser torned he al a-boute. 85
with face pale / and vn-to Diomede.
No word he spak ne non of al his route.
Of which pe-sone of Tydeus toke hede. 88
As he pat konde more pan pe Crede.
In swych a craft / and by pe reyne hers hente.
And Troylus to Troye homwarde he wente. 91

(14)

This Diomede pat ladde here by pe bridel. 92
whan pat he saw pe folk of Troye a-weye.
Thoughte / al my labour shal not ben on ydel.
If that I may for somwhat shal I seye. 95
For at pe worste it may yet shorte oure weye.
I haue herd seyd ek tymes twyes twelue.
He is a fool pat wole for-yete hym-selue. 98

(15)

But napeles pis poughte he wel ynowh. 99
That certaynly I am a-boute nought.
If that I speke of loue or make it tough.
For douteles yf she haue in here thought. 102
Hym pat I gesse / he may not ben y-brough[t].
So sone awey / but I shal fynde a mene.
That she shal not as yet wete what I mene. 105

(12)

¶ And ther-with-al he most his leue take 78
And caste his eye vp on hire pitously
And neer he rood his cause for to make
To take hire by the honde al sobrely 81
And lord so she gan wepen tendrely
And [he] ful softe and sleighely gan hire seye
Now hold 3oure day and do me not to dye 84

(13)

¶ with pat his curser turned he aboute [leaf 78] 85
with face and vnto dyomede
No worde he spak ne non of al his route
Of whiche the sone of Tideus tooke hede 88
As he pat couthe moore pan pe crede
In swiche a craft and by the reyne hire hynte
And Troilus to troye homwarde he wente. 91

(14)

¶ This Dyomede pat ledde hyre by pe bridel 92
when pat he saugh pe folk of troye awaye
Thoughte al my laboure shal not be vn hydel
If pat y may for somwhat shal I seye 95
For at pe werste it may 3it shorte oure weye
I haue herde he-seyde ek tymes twyes twelue
He is a fool pat wol for-3ete hyme-selue 98

(15)

¶ But napeles pis thoughte he wel ynoughe 99
pat certeinliche I am aboute noughte
If pat I speke of loue or mak it tough
For douteles if she haue in hire thoughte 102
Hym pat I gesse he may not ben y-brought
So soone aweye but I shal fynde a meene
pat she nat wit as 3et shal what I meene 105

(12)

// And here with al he muste his leue take 78
And caste his eyʒyn vp on hym pitousely
And ner he rod his cause for to make
And tok hire by pe hond al soberely 81
And lord so he gan wepyn tenderely
And he ful softe & slyly gan hire sey
Now help pis day & do me not to dey. 84

(13)

¶ With pat his coursir turnede hym aboute 85
With face pale & on-to diame[de]
No word he spak ne non of al his rout
Of which pe sone[1] of Tideus tok hede [1 e, corrected] 88
As he pat conde more pan pe crede
In swich a craft & bi pe[2] reyne he hent [2 r, first w] 91
And Troilus to Troyeward hom he went. 91

(14)

// pis diomede pat lad hire bi pe bridil 92
Whan pat he say pe folk of troye awoye
pouʒte al myn trauayl schal not ben ydil
ʒif pat I may for sumwhat schal I seye 95
ffor at pe werste it may ʒit schorte myn woye
I haue herd seyd ek be tymys twiis & twelue
He is a fol pat wele for-ʒete hym selue. 98

(15)

¶ But na-peles pus pouʒte he wel I-now 99
pat certeynly I am a-boute nouʒt
ʒif pat I speke of loue & make it tow
ffor douteles ʒif sche haue in hire pouʒt 102
Hym pat I gesse he may not ben I-bouʒt
So a-way but I schal fynde a mene
pat sche not wete schal / as ʒit what I mene. 105

(16)

This Diomede as he þat koude his good. 106
whan þis was don gan fallen forth in speche.
Of þis and þat / and asked whi she stood.
In swych desese / and gan here ek byseche. 109
That yf þat he encrese myghte or eche.
with ony þing / here ese þat she sholde.
Comaunde it hym / and seyde he don it wolde. 112

(17)

For trewely he swor here as a knyght. [leaf 95] 113
That þere nas þing with whiche he myght here plese.
That he nolde don his peyne and al his myght.
To don it / for to don here herte an ese. 116
And preyde here / she wolde here sorwe apese.
And seyde y-wys we grekes kon haue Ioye.
To hónouren yow / as wel as folk of Troye. 119

(18)

He seyde ek þus / I wot yow þenketh straunge. 120
No wonder is / for it is to yow newe.
Thaqueyntaunce of þese Troians to chaunge.
For folk of Grece þat ye neuere knewe. 123
But wolde neuere god but [if] as trewe.
A Grek / ye shulde a-mong vs alle fynde
As ony Troian is / and ek as kynde. 126

(19)

An by þe cause I swor yow right lo now. 127
To ben youre frend and helply to my myght.
And for þat more acqueyntaunce ek of yow.
Haue ich had þan a-noþer straungere wight. 130
So fro þis forth I pray yow day and nyght.
Comaundeth me how sore þat me smerte.
To don al þat may like to youre herte. 133

(16)

¶ This Dyomede as he þat koude his goode 106
when þis was don gan fallen forth in speche
Of þis and þat and aixed whi she stood
In swiche disese and gan hire ek by-seche 109
þat if þat he encresse mynght or eche
with any thyng hyre ese þat she sholde
Comaunde it hym and seyde he don it wolde 112

(17)

¶ For treweliche he swor hire as a knyghte 113
þat ther nas thyng with whiche he myght hire plese
þat he nolde don his peyne and al his myght
To don it for to don hire hert an ese 116
And preyde hire she wold hire sorwe apese
And seyde I-wis we grekes kan haue Ioye
To honouren ȝow / as wel [as] folk of Troye 119

(18)

¶ He seyde ek thus I woot ȝow thynketh straunge 120
No wonder is for it is to ȝowe newe
Thaqueyntaunce of þis Troyans to chaunge
For folk of grece þat ȝe neuere knewe 123
But wold neuere god / but if as trew
A greke / ȝe shold amang vs al fynde
As any troyan is / and ek as kynde 126

(19)

¶ And by the I swor ȝow right lo now [leaf 78, back] 127
To ben ȝoure frend and helply to my myghte
And for þat more aqueyntaunce ek of ȝow
haue ich had than a nother straunger wight 130
So fro this forth I preye ȝow day and nyght
Comaundeth me how sore þat me smerte
To don al þat may like vn-to ȝoure herte 133

(16)

¶ þis diomede as he þat coude his good [leaf 104] 1
Whan tyme was gan falle forth in speeche
Of þis & þat & axede why sche stode
In swich de-sese & gan hire ek be-seche 1
ȝif þat by encres myȝte or eche
With ony þyng hire ese þat sche schulde
Comaundyn it hym & he don it wolde 11

(17)

¶ ffor treweliche he swor hire as a knyȝt 11
þat þere was þyng *with* which he myȝte hire plese
þat he nyl don his herte & al his myȝt
To don it for to don his herte an ese 11
And preyede sche wolde hire sorwe pese
And seyde I-wis we grekys can haue ioye
To honoure ȝow as wel as folk in troye 11

(18)

¶ He seyde ek þus I wot ȝow þynkiþ straunge 12
No wondyr is for it is to ȝow newe
þe aqueyntau[n]se of þis Troylus for to chaunge
ffor folk of grece þo ȝe neuere knewe 12
But wolde neuere god but as[1] trewe [1 a, correcto
A grek ȝe schulde a-mongis vs alle fynde
As ony troyan is & ek as kynde. 12

(19)

¶ And bi þe cause I swor ȝow ryȝt lo now 12
To ben ȝoure frend & helpyn to myn myȝt
And for þe more aqueyntauns ek of ȝow
Haue I had / þanne anoþer straungere wyȝt 13
So from þis forth I prey ȝow day & nyȝt
Comaundith it me so sore so me smert
To don al þat may like to ȝoure hert. 13

(20)

And þat ye me wolde as youre broþer trete. 134
And take not my frendship in despit.
And þough youre sorwes be for þinges grete.
Not I not whi / but out of more respit. 137
Myn herte hath for to amenden it gret delit.
And yf I may youre harmes not redresse.
I am right sory for youre heuynesse. 140

(21)

And þough ye troians wiþ vs Grekes wroþe. 141
Han many a day be / alwey yet parde.
O. god of loue in soth we seruen boþe.
And for þe loue of god my lady fre. 144
whom so ye hate as beth not wroth wiþ me.
For trewely þer kan no wight yow serue.
That half so loth yowre wraþþe wolde deserue. 147

(22)

And nere it þat we been so neigh þe tente. [leaf 95, back] 148
Of Calkas / which þat sen vs boþe may.
I wolde of þis yow telle al myn entente.
But þis enseled til a noþer day. 151
yeue me youre hond / I am and shal ben ay.
God help me so whil þat my lyf may dure.
youre owene a-boue euery creature. 154

(23)

Thus seyde I neuere er now to womman borne. 155
For god myn herte as wysly glade so.
I louede neuer womman here byforn.
As paramours ne neuere shal no mo. 158
And for þe loue of god beth not my fo.
Al kan I not to yow my lady dere.
Compleyne a-ryght / for I am yet to lere. 161

(20)

¶ And þat ȝe me wolde as ȝoure brother trete 134
And taketh nought my frendeschipe in despit
And though ȝoure sorwes ben for thynges grete
Not I nat whi but out of more respit 137
Myn herte hath for tamende it grete delit
And if I may ȝoure harmes nat redresse
I am right sory for ȝoure heuynesse 140

(21)

¶ For though ȝe troians with us grekes wroth 141
Han many a day ben alwey ȝet parde
O god of loue in soth we seruen both
And for þe loue of god my laydy fre 144
whom so ȝe hate as beth not wroth with me
For trewely þer kan no wight ȝow serue
That half so loth ȝoure wreth wold disserue 147

(22)

¶ And ner it þat we ben so neigh the tente 148
Of calkas which þat sen vs both may
I wold of thys ȝow telle alle myn entente
But this enseled til a nother day 151
Ȝeue me ȝoure honde I am and shal ben ay
God helpe me so whil þat my lif may dure
Ȝoure owen abouen euery creature 154

(23)

¶ þus seyde I neuere er now to womman borne 155
For god myn herte as wisly glade so
I loued neuer womman here be-forne
as paramoures / ne neuere shal no mo 158
And for þe loue of god beth not my fo
Al kan I nought to ȝow my lady deere
Compleyne aright for I am ȝit to leere 161

(20)

¶ And þat ȝe woldyn me as ȝoure broþer trete 134
And takyth not myn frenschepe in dispy
And þow ȝoure sorwe be for þyngis grete
Not I not whi but out of more respyt 137
Myn herte haþ to amendyn it gret delyȝt
And ȝif I may ȝoure harmys not redresse
I am ryȝt sory for ȝoure heuynesse. 140

(21)

¶ ffor þow þe troyanys with þ' grekis wroþe [Df 164, bk] 141
Han manyaday ben alwey ȝit parde
On good loue in soþ we were beþe
And for þe loue of god myn lady fre 144
Whom so ȝe hate as beþ not wroþ with me
ffor trewely þere can no wyȝt ȝow serue
þat half so soþ ȝoure wrethe wolde deserue. 147

(22)

¶ And nere it þat we ben so ner þe tent 148
Of calcas which þat sen vs boþe may
I wolde of þis telle ȝow of al myn entent
But be þis enselyd / tyl a noþer day 151
Ȝif me ȝoure honde / I am & schal ben ay
God helpe me so whil þat myn lyf may dure
Ȝoure owyn a-bouyn euery criature. 154

(23)

¶ þus seyde I neuere er now to woman born 155
ffor god myn herte as wisely glade so
I louede neuere woman here be-forn
As paramour ne neuere schal no mo 158
And for þe loue of god beþ not myn fo
Al can I not to ȝow myn lady dere
Compleyne aryȝt for I am ȝit to lere. 161

(24)

And wondreþ not myn owen lady bryght. 162
Though þat I speke of loue to you þus blyue.
For I haue herd of þis of many a wyght.
Hath loued þyng he neuere saugh his lyue. 165
Ek I am not of power for to stryue.
A-yens þe god of loue / but hym obeye.
I wold alwey / and mercy I yow preye. 168

(25)

Ther ben so worþi knyghtes in þis place. 169
And ye so feyr þat euerich of hem alle.
wol peynen hym to stonden in youre grace.
But myght[e] me so fair a grace falle. 172
That yé me for your seruaunt woldo calle.
So lowly ne so trewely you to serue.
Nil noon of hem / as I shal til I steruo 175

(26)

Criseide vn-to þat purpos litel answerde. 176
As she þat was with sorwe oppressed so.
That in effect she nought to his tales herde.
But her & þere / now here a word or two. 179
Hire þought hire sorwful hert brast a-two.
For whan she gan here fader fer aspye.
wel neigh doun on here hors she gan to sye. 182

(27)

But natheles she-þonked Diomede. [leaf 86] 183
Of al his trauuyle and his goode chere.
And þat hym lyst his frendship here to bede.
And she acceptoth it in goode manere. 186
And wold do fayn þat is hym lef and dere.
And truston hym she wolde and wel she myghte.
As seyde she / and from hire hors she a-lighte. 189

(24)

¶ And wondreth nought myn owen lady bryght 162
Though þat I speke of loue to yow þus blyue
For I haue herde or this of many a wight
Hath loued thynge he neuere saugh his lyue 165
Ek I am not of power for to stryue
Azenis the god of loue but hym obeye
I wol alwey and mercy I yow preye 168

(25)

¶ Ther ben so worthy knyghtes in þis place [leaf 79] 169
And ye so faire þat euerich of hem alle
wel peynen hym to stonden in youre grace
But myght me so faire a grace falle 172
þat ye me for youre seruaunt wolde calle
So lawely ne so trewely yow serue
Nyl non of hym / as I shal til I steruo 175

(26)

¶ Criseyde vnto þat purpos lite answerde 176
As she þat was with sorwe oppressed so
þat in affect she nought his tales herde
But here and þer now here a words or two 179
Hire thought hire sorwful herte braste a-two
For when she gan hire fader fer espie
wel neigh down of hire hors she gan to sye 182

(27)

¶ But natheles she thonked dyomede 183
Of alle his trauaile and his goode chere
And þat hym liste his frenchep hyre to bede
And she accepteth it in goode manere 186
And wol do fayne þat is hym lief and deere
And trusten hym she wolde and wel she myghte
As seyde shé / and from hire hors shalighte 189

(24)

¶ And wonderith nouȝt myn owene lady bryȝt 162
þow I speke to ȝow of loue þus blyue
ffor I haue herd or þis of manye a wyȝt
He-louede þyng he saw neuere in his lyue 165
ffor I am not of power for to stryue
 Azens þe god of loue but hym obeye
I wele alwey & mercy I ȝow preye. 168

(25)

¶ þere ben so worþy knyȝtis in þis place 169
And ȝe so fayr þat euerȝche of hem alle
Wele peynyn hem to stondyn in ȝoure grace
But myȝte me so fayr a grace falle 172
þat ȝe me for ȝoure seruaunt wolde calle
So louëly ne so trewely ȝow serue
Nil non of hem as I schal til I steruo. 175

(26)

¶ Crisseyde vn-to þat purpos litil answerde [leaf 105] 176
As scho þat was with sorwe opressed so
þat scho in effectis scho not his talys herde
But here & þere now here a word or to 179
Hire þouȝte hire sorwful herte brast oto
Whan scho gan hire fadyr fer asspye
Wel ny doun of hire hors scho gan to sye. 182

(27)

¶ But naþeles scho þankede dyomede 183
Of al his trauayle & his goode chere
And þat him lust his frenschepe here to bede
And scho acceptid it in good manere 186
[. . . . . *no gap in the MS.*]
And troslyn hym scho wolde & wel scho myȝt
Asyde & from hire hors scho a-lyȝt. 189

(28)

Here fader hath here in his armes nome. 190
And tweynty tyme he kyste his doughter swete.
And seyde .o. dere doughter myn wel come.
She seyde ek she was fayn with hym to mete. 193
And stod forth mewet / mylde / and mansuete.
But here I leue here with here fader dwelle.
And forth I wole of Troylus yow telle. 196

(29)

To Troye is come þis woful Troylus. 197
In sorwe / abouen alle sorwes smerte.
with felon lok / and dispitous.
Tho sodeynly doun from his hors he sterte. 200
And þorugh his paleys with a swollen herte.
To chambre he went / of no þing toke he hede.
Ne noon to hym dar speke a word for drede. 203

(30)

And þere his sorwes þat he spared hadde. 204
He yaf an yssue large / and deth he cride.
And in his þrowes frenetyk and madde.
He cursed Ioue / Appollo / and ek Cupide. 207
He cursed Ceres / Bacus / and Cipryde.
His burþe / hym self / his fate / and ek nature.
And saue his lady / euery creature. 210

(31)

To bedde he goth and weyleth þere and torneth. 211
In furye / as doth he Ixion in helle.
And in þis wyse he neigh til day soiourneth.
But þo by-gan a lytel his herte vnswelle. 214
Thorugh teris which þat gonnen vp to welle.
And pitously he cride vp-on Criseyde.
And to hym-self right þus he spak and seyde. 217

(28)

¶ Hire fader hath hire in his armes ynome 190
And twenty tyme he kyste his doughter swete
And seyde/ o dere doughter myn welcome
She seyde ek she was fayn with hym to mete 193
And stood forth muwet mylde and mansuete
But here I leue hire *with* hire fader dwelle
And forth I wol of Troilus ȝow telle 196

(29)

¶ To troye is come this woful Troylus 197
In sorwe a-bouen alle sorwes smerte
with felon look and face dispitouse
þo sodeynly doun from his hors he sterte 200
And thorwgh his payleys with a swollen herte
To chaumbre he wente of no thyng[1] took he hede
Ne non to hym dar speke a worde for drede 203

(30)

¶ And ther his sorwes þat he spared hadde 204
He ȝaf an issue large and deth he cried
And in hise throwes ferventike and made
He curseth Ioue. appollo and ek cupide 207
He curseth Ceres / bacus. and cipride
His byrthe / hym self[1] / his fate and ek nature
And saue *his lady* euery creature 210

(31)

¶ To bedde he goth and weyleth ther and torneth [Leaf 79, bk]
In furie as doth he Ixion in helle
And in this wyse he neigh til day soiourneth
But tho bigan his herte a lite vnswelle 214
Thorugh teres whiche þat gonnen vp to welle
And pitously he cried vp on Criseyde
And to hym-self right þus he spake and seyde 217

(28)

¶ Hire fadir haþ hire in his armys nome 190
And xx[ti] time he kyste his douȝtir swete
And seyde o dere douȝter myn welcome
Sche seyde ek sche was fayn *with* hym to mete 193
[*A blank line in the MS.*]
But here I lete hire *with* hire fadyr dwelle
And forth I wele of troylus ȝow telle 196

(29)

TO Troye is comyn þis woful troyl*us* 197
In sorwe a-boue alle sorwis smert
With felou*n* lok & fase dispetou*s*
Is sodeynly *from* his hors[1] I-stert [1 I, corrected] 200
And *þour* his paleys *with* a sorweful hert
To chambere he wente of non [2]man tok he hede [2 of non m, corrected]
Ne non to hym dar speke a word for drede 203

(30)

¶ And *þere* his sorwis þat he sparyd hadde 204
He ȝaf an issou large & loude he cryede
And in his þrowys frentyk he made
He cursede Ioue appollo & cupide 207
He cursede seres Bacus & Cypride
His burh hym*self* his stat & ek nature
And saue his lady *euery* creature. 210

(31)

¶ To bede he goþ & walwith *þere* & turnyth [If 185, bk] 211
In furie as [3]thow he leye in helle[3] [3—3 by corrector]
And þis wise he ny til day soiornyth
But *þo* be-gan a lityl his herte vnswelle 214
þour teris wich þat gan vp te welle
And pitousli he cryede vp-on crisseyde
And to hym self þus he spak & seyde 217

(32)

Where is myn owene lady lief and dere. [leaf 56, back] 218
where is here white brest wher is it where.
where ben here armes an here eyen clere.
That yesternyght bi tyme wib me were. 221
Now may I. wepe allone many a tere.
And graspe a-boute I may / but in bis place.
Saue a pilwe I fynde / nought tenbrace. 224

(33)

How shal I do / whan shal she com a-yen. 225
I not / allas / whi let ich here to go.
As wolde god Ich hadde as þo be sleyn.
O. herte myn Criseyde o swete fo. 228
O. lady myn þat I loue and no mo.
To whom for eueremo myn herte I dowe.
So how I deye ye nyl me not rescowe. 231

(34)

Who seeth yow now my right lode-sterre. 232
who sit right now or stant in yowre presence.
who kan conforten now youre hertes werre.
Now I am gon / whom yeue ye audience 235
Who speketh for me right now in myn absence.
Allas no wight / and þat is al my care.
For wel wot I. as yuele as I ye fare. 238

(35)

How shulde I þus x. dayes ful endure. 239
whan I þe firste nyght haue al bis tene.
How shal she don ek sorwful creature.
For tendresse how shal she bis sustene. 242
Swich wo for me / o. pitous / pale / & grene.
Shal ben youre fresshe wommanly chie face.
For langour / or ye torne in-to bis place. 245

(32)

¶ Where is myn swene lady lief and deere 218
Where is hire white breste where is it where
Where ben hir armes and hire eyen clere
þat 3esternyght this tyme with me were 221
Now may I wepe allone many a tere
And graspe aboute I may / but in þis place
Saue a pilwe I fynde naught tenbrace 224

(33)

¶ How shal I don when shal she com a3ein 225
I not / allas / whi lecte ich hire to go
As wolde god ich hadde as tho ben sleyne
O herte myn Criseyde o swete fo 228
O lady myn that I loue and namo
To whom for euere mo myn herte I dowe
So how I dye 3e nyl me not rescowe 231

(34)

¶ Who seth 3ow now my right lode-sterre 232
who sit right now or stante in 3oure presence
who kan conforten nowe 3oure hertes werre
Now I am gon whom 3eue 3e audiens 235
who speken for me right now in myn absens
allas now wight and þat is al my care
For wel woot I as yuel as I 3e fare 238

(35)

¶ How shold I þus ten dayes fulle endure 239
when I the firste nyght haue al this tene
How she don ek sorwful creature
For tendrenesse / how shal she this sustene 242
Swiche for me o pitous pale grene
Shal ben 3oure fresche womanliche face
For langour er 3e torne vn-to this place 245

(32)

¶ Where is myn owene lady leue & dere 218
Where is hire white brest where is it where
Where ben hire armys & hire eyen clere
þat 3isteyr ny3t þis tyme with me were 221
Now may I wepe alone manye a tere
And graspe a-boute I may but in þis place
Saue a pilwe fynde not to embrace 224

(33)

¶ How schal I don whanne schal sche comyn a-3en 225
I not allas whi let I hire to gon
As wolde god I hadde as þo ben slayn
O herte myn Criseide o swete fo 228
O lady myn þe I loue & no mo
To whom for eueremor myn herte is holde
And þus he playnyd & forþere more he tolde 231

(34)

¶ Who sey 3ow now myn ry3te lodis sterre 232
Who sit ry3t now or stont in 3oure presense
Who can conforte now 3oure hertis werre
Whan I am gon hȳ 3euyth 3ow audience 235
Who spekith for me ry3t now in myn absense
Allas no wi3t & þat is al myn care
ffor wel I wot as iuele as I 3e fare 238

(35)

¶ How schal I þus ful ten dayis endure 239
Whan I þe ferste ny3t haue al 3is tene
How schal sche do ek sorweful cryature
ffor tendirnesse how schal sche ek susteyne 242
Whiche for me o pitous pale & grene
Schal ben 3our fresche womanliche fase
ffor longyng or 3e turne vn-to þis plase 245

(36)

And whan he fill in ony slomerynges. 246
Anoon by-gonne he sholde for to grone.
And dremen of pe dredfulleste pinges.
That myghte ben / as mete as he were allone. 249
In place horrible / makynge ay his moone.
Or meten pat he was a-monges alle.
His enemys / and in here hondes falle. 252

(37)

And ther-with-al his body sholde sterte. [leaf 97] 253
And wip pe stert al sodeynlych a-wake.
And swich a tremor fele a-boute his herte.
That of pe feer his body sholde quake. 256
And per-with-al he sholde a noyse make.
And seme as pough he sholde falle depe.
From heighe a lofte / and pan he wolde wepe. 259

(38)

And rewen on hym self so pytously. 260
That wonder was to here his fantasye.
A-nother tyme he sholde myghtily.
Conforte hym self / and seine it was folye. 263
So causeles swych drede for to drye.
And eft bygynne his aspre sorwes newe.
That euery man myghte on his sorwes rewe. 266

(39)

Who koude telle a-right or ful discryue. 267
His wo / *his* pleynte / his langour & his peyne.
Nought al pe men pat han or ben on lyue.
Thow redere mayst by self ful wel deuyne. 270
That swych a wo my wit kan not defyne.
On ydel for to write it sholde .I. swynke.
whan pat my wit is wery it to penke. 273

(36)

¶ And when he fille in any sloumberynges 246
Anon by-gynne he shold for to grone
And dremen of pe dredefulleste thynges
pat myght ben / as mete he were allone 249
In place horrible makynge ay his mone
Or meten pat he was o-manges alle
his enemys / and in hire honde falle 252

(37)

¶ And ther-*with*-alle his body sholde sterte [leaf 80] 253
And *with* pe sterte alle sodeyn*liche* a-wake
And swiche a tremour fele a-boute his herte
pat of pe fere his body sholden quake 256
And ther-with-al he sholde a noyse make
And senne as though he shold fal depe
From heigh of lofte and pan he wold wope 259

(38)

¶ And rewen on hym self so pitously 260
pat wonder was to here hise fantasye
Another tyme he sholde myghtely
Conforte hym self and seine it was folie 263
So causeles / whiche drede for to drye
And eft bygynne his aspre sorwes newe
pat euery man myghte in his sorwes rewe 266

(39)

¶ Who koude telle arighte or ful discryue 267
His wo / his pleynt / his langoure and his pyne
Nought al pe men pat han or ben on lyue
Thow redere · maist thi-self fulle wele deuyne 270
pat swich a wo my wit kan not defyne
On ydel for to write it shold 3owynke
when pat my wit is wery it to thynke 273

(36)

¶ And whan he fel in ony slomberyng [leaf 106] 246
A-non begynne [1]he schulde for to grone[1] [1—1 by corrector]
And dremyn of pe dredfulleste pynge
pat myste bon pat mette he pere a-lone 249
In plase oribele makynge hap his mone
Or metyn pat he was a-mongis alle
Hise enemyis & in here hondis falle. 252

(37)

// And *per*with*al* his body schulde sterte 253
And *with* pe stert al sodeynly a-wake
And swich a tremo*ur* fel a-boute his herte
pat of pe fer pe body schulde quake 256
[2]And for that fer anon he *dede* a-wak[2] [2—2 by a corrector]
And somyn panne as he schulde falle depe
ffrom hye on loft & panne wolde he wepe. 259

(38)

¶ And rewyn on hym self so pitouseli 260
pat wondir was to hire his fantasye
A noper tyme he schulde mystily
Conforte him self & sey it were folye 263
So causeles swich drede for to drye
And eft be-gan his asper sorwe newe
pat euery man myst on his sorwe rewe 266

(39)

// Ho so wil telle / aryst or ful discrye 267
His wo his pleynt his langure & his pyne
Not alle pe men pat han or ben on lyue
pu redere wel pou mayst pyn self deuyne 270
pat swich a wo myn wit can not defyne
In ydil for to write [3]it schulde I swynke [3 corrector]
Whan pat myn wit is wery it to pynke 273

(40)

On heuene yet þe sterres were sene. 274
Al þough ful pale. y-woxen was þe moone.
And whiten gan the Orisonte shene.
Al Estward / as it wonted is to done. 277
And Phebus with his rosy carte sone.
Gan after þat to dresse hym vp to fare.
whan Troylus hath sente after Pandare. 280

(41)

This Pandare þat of al þe day bi-forn. 281
Ne myght haue comen Troylus to se.
Al-þough he on his hed it hadde I-sworn.
For with þe kyng Pryam alday was he. 284
So that it lay not in his liberte.
No wher to gon / but on þe morwe he wente.
To Troylus / whan þat he for hym sente. 287

(42)

For in hys herte he koude wel dyuyne. [leaf 97, back] 288
That Troilus al nyght for sorwe wook.
And þat he wolde telle hym of his peyne.
This knew he wel y-nough with-oute book. 291
For which to chaumbre streyght þe wey he took.
And Troylus þo sobrelyche he grette.
And on þe bed ful soone he gan hym sette. 294

(43)

My Pandarus quod Troylus þe sorwe. 295
which þat I drye I may not longe endure.
I-trowe I shal not lyue til to morwe.
For whiche I wolde alwey on auenture. 298
To þe deuysen of my sepulture.
The forme / and of my moeble þow dispone.
Right as þe semeth best is for to done. 301

(40)

¶ On heuene ȝet þe sterres waren seene 274
Al though ful pale ywoxen was þe moone
And whiten gan the orisoune sheene
Al Esturwarde / as it wonte is to done 277
And Phebus with his rosi carte soone
Gan efter þat to dresse hym vp to fare
When Troilus hath sente efter Pandare 280

(41)

¶ This Pandare þat of al þe day byforne 281
Ne myght han comen Troilus to see
Al-though he on his hed it hadde sworne
For witht þe kynge Priam alday was he 284
So þat it lay nought in his liberte
Nower to gon but on þe morwe he wente
To Troilus / when þat he for hym sente 287

(42)

¶ For in his herte he koude wel deuyne 288
þat Troilus al nyght for sorw wooke
And þat he wold telle hym of his pyne
þis knew he wele ynowgh with-outen booke 291
For which to chaumbre streght þe wey he tooke
And Troilus tho sobrelich he grete
And on þe bed ful soone he gan hym sette 294

(43)

¶ My Pandarus quod Troilus the sorwe [leaf 80, back] 295
which þat I drye I may not longe endure
I trow I shal not lyuen til to morwe
For whiche I wolde alweys on auenture 298
To the deuysen of my sepulture
þe fourme / and of my moble-thow dispone
Right as the semeth best is to done 301

(40)

¶ On heuene ȝit þe sterris were sene 274
Al-þow ful pale wexen gan þe mone
And whityn gan eche oryȝonte schene
Al est-ward as it was wone to done 277
And phebus with his rosy carte sone
Gan aftyr to dresse hym vp to fare
Whan Troilus haþ sent aftyr pandare 280

(41)

¶ þis Pandare þat of al þe day be-forn [leaf 106, back] 281
Ne myȝte a come Troilus for to se
Al-þow he on his heuyd it hadde sworyn
ffor with þe kyng Priame alday was he 284
So þat it lay not in his liberte
Nowher to gon but on þe morwe he went
To Troylus whan þat he for hym sent 287

(42)

// ffor in his herte he coude wel deuyne 288
þat Troilus alnyȝt for sorwe wok
And þat he wolde tellyn hym of his pyne
þis knew he wel I-now with-oute bok 291
ffor which þe woye streyt to his chambir tok
And Troilus sobereliche grette
And on þe bed ful sone he gan hym sette 294

(43)

¶ Myn pandarus quod Troilus þe sorwe 295
Which þat I drie may not longe endure
I trowe I schal not leuyn tyl to morwe
ffor which I wolde alwey on auenture 298
To deuyse of myn sepulture
þe forme & of myn moble þou dispone
Ryȝ as þe semyst best is for to done 301

(44)

But of þe fyr / and flaumbe funeral. 302
In whiche my body brenne shal to glede.
And of þe feste / and pleyes palestral. [1 here *altered to* hede]
At my vigile I pray þe take good hede.[1] 305
þat al be wel / and offre mars my stede.
My swerd / myn helm and leue broþer dere.
My sheld to Pallas yef þat shyneth clere. 308

(45)

The poudre in which myn herte y-brend shal torne. 309
That prey I þe þow take and it conserue.
In a vessel þat men clepeþ an vrne.
Of gold / and to my lady þat I serue. 312
For loue of whom þus pitously I sterue.
So yeue it here and do me þis plesaunce.
To preyen here to kepe it for a remembraunce. 315

(46)

For wel I fele by my maladye. 316
And by my dremes now and yore a-go.
Al certeynly þat I mot nedes dye.
The owle ek which þat hatte Escaphilo. 319
Hath after me shright alle þis nyghtes two.
And god Mercurye of me now woful wrecche.
The soule gide / and whan þe lyst it fecche. 322

(47)

Pandare answerde / and seyde Troylus. [leaf 98] 323
My dere frend / as I haue told þe yore.
That it is folye for to sorwen þus.
And causeles for whiche I kan nomore. 326
But who so wole not trowen rede ne lore.
I kan not seen in hym no remedye.
But late hym worþe with his fantasye. 329

(44)

¶ But of þe fir and flaumbe funeral 302
In which my body brennen shal to glede
And of þe feste and pleyes palestral
At my vigile I preye the take gode hede 305
þat þat be wel. and offre mars my stede
My swerd. my helme And leeue brother deere
My shelde to palas ȝef þat shyneth clere 308

(45)

¶ The poudre in whch myn herte ybrend shal turne 309
þat preye I the thow tak and it conserue
In a vessell þat men clepeth a vrne
Of gold / and to my lady þat I serue 312
For loue of whom þus pitouslyche I sterue
So ȝeue it hire and do me þis plesaunce
To preyen hire kepe it for a remembraunce 315

(46)

¶ For wel I fele by my maladye 316
And by my dremes now and yoore a-go
Al certeinly that I mot nedes dye
The owle ek which þat hette esciphilo 319
hath after me shright al þis nyghtes two
And god mercurie of me now woful wreche
þe soule gide and when þe list it fecche 322

(47)

¶ Pandare answerde and seyde Troilus 323
My deere frende as I haue told þe yoore
þat it is folie for to sorwen thus
And causels / for whiche I kan namore 326
But who so wol/ nat trowen rede ne lore
I kan not sen in hym no remedie
But lat hym worchen *with* his fantasie 329

(44)

// But of þe fyr & flaumbe feuneral 302
In wich myn body brenne schal to glede
And of þe feste & pleyes palestral
At myn vigile I preye ȝow takyth hede 305
þat it be wel & offere mars myn stede
Myn swerd myn helm & leue broþer dere
Myn child to pall ȝif /þat schynyth clere 308

(45)

¶ þe poudir wich myn herte brent schal turne 309
þat preye I þe þou take & ek conserue
In a vessel þat men callyn vrne
Of gold & to myn lady þat I serue 312
ffor loue of whom þus pitously I sterue.
So ȝeue it hire & do hire þis plesaunce
To prey hire kepe it for a remembraunce 315

(46)

¶ ffor wel I fele be myn malady [leaf 107] 316
An myne dremys now & ȝore agon
þat serteynly I mot nedis deye
þe owle ek wich þat hiȝte eschaphilo 319
Haþ aftyr me schriht alle þese nyȝtis too[1] [1 too, *corrected*]
And god mercurye on me now woful wreche
þe soule gyde & whan ȝe luste it feche. 322

(47)

Pandarus answerde & seyde troilus 323
Myn dere frend as I haue told þe ȝore
þat it is foly for to sorwe þus
And causeles for which I can no more 326
But who so wele not trowe red ne lore
I can in hym sen no remedy
But let hym werchyn with his fantasy 329

(48)

But Troylus I pray þe telle me now.
If þat þow trowe or þis þat ony wyght
Hath loued paramours as wel as þow.
Ye god wot / and fro many a worþi knyght.
Hath his lady gon a fourtenyght.
And he not yit made haluendel þe fare.
what nede is þe / to maken al þis care.

(48)

¶ But Troilus I preye the telle me nowe
If þat thow trowe or þis þat any wight
Hath loued paramours as wel as thow
3e god woot and fro many a worthy knyght
Hath his lady gon a fourtenyghte
And not 3it made haluendel þe care
What nede is þe to maken alle this fare

(48)

¶ But Troylus I preye þe telle me now
3if þat þow or I or ony wyȝt
Haþ louyd paramour as wel as 3ow
3a god wot & so haþ many a worþi knyȝt
Haþ his lady forgon a fortenyȝt
And he not 3it made haluyndel þe fare
What nedip it þ* / to make al þis [1]care. [1 e, corrected]

(49)

Syn day by day þow mayst þi-seluen see.
That from his loue / or elles from his wyf.
A man mot twynnen of necessite.
Ye þough he loue here as his owene lif.
Yet nyl he with hym self þus maken stryf,
For wel þow wost my leue broþer dere.
That alwey frendes may nought ben y-fere.

(49)

¶ Syn day by day thow maist thy-seluen see (leaf 81) 337
þat from his loue / or elles from his wyf
A man mot twynnen of necessite
3e though he loue hire as his owen life 340
3et nyl he thus with hym self þus mak stryf
For wel thow wocst my leue brother deere
þat alwey frendes may nought ben I-feere 343

(49)

¶ Syn day be day / þow mayȝt þyn seluyn se 337
þat from his loue / or eH from his wif
A man mot twynnyn / of neccsite
3a þow he loue hire / as as his owene lyf 340
3it nyl he with hym self / make þis stryf
ffor wel þow wist / myn owene lady dere
þat alwey frendis / may not ben in fere 343

(50)

How don þis folk þat seen here loues wedded. 344
By frendes myght / as it by-tyt ful ofte.
And sen hem in here spouses bed y-bedded.
God wot þey take it wysly faire and softe. 347
For-why good hope halt vp here herte o lofte.
And for þey kan a tyme of sorwe endure.
As tyme hem hurt / a tyme doth hem cure. 350

(50)

¶ How don þis folk þat seen hire loues wedded 344
By frendes myght / as [it] bitit ful ofte
And sen hem in hire spouses bed y-bedded
God woot / they take it wysely faire and soft 347
For-whi goode hope halt vp hire herte o lofte
And for they kan a tyme of sorwe endure
As tyme hem hurt a tyme doth hem cure 350

(50)

¶ How don þese folk / þat sen here louys weddit 344
Be fryndis myȝt / & as it be-tydyth ofte
And sen hem in here . spousis bed . ben beddit
God wot þey takyn it wisely & softe 347
ffor whi good hope / holt vp here herte on lofte
And for þey can a tyme / of sorwe endure
As tyme hem hirt / a tyme doþ hem cure 350

(51)

So sholdestow endure / and late slyde. 351
The tyme / and fond to ben glad and lyght.
Ten dayes nys so longe not tabyde.
And syn she þe to come hath bylyght. 354
She nyl not here hestes breken for no wight.
For drede þe not þat she nyl fynden weye.
To come a-yen my lyf þat dorst I leye. 357

(51)

¶ So sholdestow endure and laten slyde 351
þe tyme / and fonde to be glad and light
Ten dayes nys so longe nought tabide
And syn she the to comen hath behight 354
She nyl hire hest breken for no wight
For drede þe nought þat she nyl fynden weye
To come ayein / my lif þat dorst I leye 357

(51)

¶ So schuldist þow endure & let slyde (leaf 107, back) 351
þe tyme & fonde to þen glad & lyȝt
Ten dayis is not so longe to ou-byde
And sithe sche to come haþ be-hyȝt 354
Sche nyl hire heste brekyn for no wyȝt
ffor dred þe not þat sche ne wil fynde way
To comyn a-gen myn lyf þanne durste I lay. 357

(52)

Thy sweuenes ek and [al] swich fantasye. [leaf 98, back] 358
Dryf out and lat hem faren to myschaunce.
For þei proceden of þi malencolye.
That doth þe fele in slep al þis penaunce. 361
A straw for alle sweuenes signifiaunce.
God helpe me so I counte hem not a bene.
Ther wot no man aright what dremes mene. 364

(53)

For prestes of þe temple tellen þis. 365
That dremes ben þe reuelacions.
Of goddes / and as wel þey telle y-wys.
That þey ben Infernals illusions. 368
And leches seynt / þat of complexions.
Proceden þei / or fast / or glotonye.
who wot in soth þus what þey signifie. 371

(54)

Ek oþere seyn þat þorugh Impressions. 372
As yf a wight hath faste a þing in mynde.
That þer-of cometh swich auysions.
And oþere seyn as þey in bokes fynde. 375
That after tymes of þe yer by kynde.
Men dreme / and þat theffect goth by þe mone.
But lef no drem / for / it is nought to done. 378

(55)

Wel worth of dremes ay þese olde wyues. 379
And treweliche ek augurye of þis fowles.
For fere of which men wenen lese here lyues.
As Rauenes qualm / or shrykyng of þese owlys. 382
To trowen on / it boþe fals and foule is.
Allas / allas so noble a creature.
As is a man shad dredo swich ordure. 385

(52)

¶ Thy sweuenes ek and alle swich fantasie 358
Dryue oute / and late hem faren to myschaunce
For they procede of thy malycolye
þat doth the feele in slepe al þis penaunce 361
a straw for alle sweuenes signifiaunce
God help me so I counte hem nought a bone
Ther woot no man a right what dremes[1] mene [1 re altered]

(53)

¶ For prestes of þe temple tellen þis 365
that dremes ben the reuelacions
Of goddes / and as wel they telle ywis
þat they ben Infernals illusions 368
And leches seyn þat of complexions
Proceden they / or fast / or glotonye
who woot in soth þus what they signifie 371

(54)

¶ Ek oother seyn þat thorwgh impressions 372
As if a wight hath fast a thynge in mynde
þat þer-of commeth swiche auysions
And oother seyn as they in bokes fynde 375
þat after tymes of þe yere by kynde
Men dreme and þat þefect goth by þe moone
But leue no dremen. for it is nought to done 378

(55)

¶ Wel worth of dremes ay this old vyues [leaf 81, back] 379
And treweliche ek augurye of thise fowelis
For fere of which men wenen leese hire lyues
As rauenes qualm / or schrychynge of thise owlis 382
To trowen on it both fals and foul is
Allas allas so noble a creature
As is a man / shal dreden swich ordure 385

(52)

// þynne swenys ek & al þyn fantasye 358
Dryf owt & lat hem faryn to myschaunce
for þey procedyn of þyn malencoly
þat doþ þe fele in slep al þis penaunce 361
A straw for alle sweuenys signefyaunce
God help me so I counte hem not a bene [— corrected]
þere wot no man a-ryȝt [1] what[1] dremys mene 364

(53)

¶ ffor pristis of þe tempele tellyn þis 365
þat dremys ben þe reuelacionns
Of goddis & as wel þey tellyn Iwis
þat þey ben enfernal illusionys 368
And lechis seyn þat of complexiounnys
Procedyn þey or fast or glotenye
Who wot in soþ þus / what þey signefye. 371

(54)

// Ek oþere seyn þour enpressiounnys 372
As ȝif a [2] whiȝt[2] haþ fast a þyng in mynde [2—2 corrected]
þat þere comyth sweche auisiounys
And oþere seyn þat þey in bokys fynde 375
þat aftyr tymys of ȝer be kynde
Men dremyn & þat effectis gon bi þe mone
But leue no drem for it is not to done. 378

(55)

¶ Who[3] worþi of dremys / alle þese olde wyuys 379
And trewelyche augery of þese olde foulis [3 o, corrected]
ffor fere of whiche men wane[4] lese here lyuys [4 wene, corrected]
And rauenys qualme & strichinge of þese oules 382
To trowe on it / boþe fals & foul is
Allas [5] allas so noble a creature[5] [5—5 corrected]
As is a man schal dredyn swich ordure 385

(56)

For which wiþ al myn herte I þe beseche. 386
vn-to þi-self þat al þis þow for-yeue.
And rys vp now with-oute more speche.
And lat vs caste how-forth may best be dreue. 389
This tyme / and ek how fressly we may lyue
whan þat she cometh the which shal be righ sone.
God help me so þe beste is þus to done. 392

(57)

Rys lat vs speke of lusti lyf in Troye. [leaf 99] 393
That we han lad / and forth þe tyme dryue.
And ek of tyme comynge vs reioye.
That bryngen shal oure blysse now so blyue. 396
And langour of þese twyes dayes fyue.
we shal þer-with so fo[r]sete oure oppresse.
That vnneþe it don shal vs duresse. 399

(58)

This town is ful of lordes al a-boute. 400
And trewes lasten al þis mene while.
Go we pleye vs in som lusty rowte.
To sarpedon / not hens but a myle. 403
And þus þow shalt þe tyme wel bygile.
And dryue it forth vn-to þat blisful morwe.
That þow here se þat cause is of þi sorwe. 406

(59)

Now rys my dere broþer Troylus. 407
For certes it noon honour is to the.
To wepe / and in þi-bed to lowken þus.
For trewely of o þing þow trust to me. 410
If þow þus ligge a day or two or þre.
The folk wol wene þat þou for cowardyse.
The feynest syk / and þat þow dar not ryse. 413

(56)

¶ For which wiþ alle myn herte I þe besche 386
Vn-to þi-self þat alle þis thow foryive
And ryse now up *with*-outen more speche
And lat vs cast how forth may best be dryue 389
þis tyme / and ek how fressly we may lyue
when þat she cometh / þe whiche shal be right soone
God help me so thy best is this to doon 392

(57)

¶ Ris lat vs speke of lusty lif in Troye 393
þat we han led / and forth the tyme dryue
And ek of tyme comynge vs reioye
þat bryngen shal oure blisse now so bilive 396
And langour of þis twye dayes fyue
we shal þer-with so forsete oure oppresse
þat wel vnneth it don shal vs duresse 399

(58)

¶ þis town is ful of lordes alaboute 400
And trewes lasten al þis mene qwyle
Go we pleye vs in som lusty route
To sarpeden / not hennes but a myle 403
And þus thow shalt þe tyme wel bygile
And dryue it forth / vn-to þat blisful morw
þat thow hire se þat cause is of þi sorwe 406

(59)

¶ Now ris my dere brother Troilus 407
For certes it non honur is to the
To wepe / and in thy bed to louken þus
For trewliche of o thynge trust to me 410
If thow þus ligge a day or two. or thre
þe folk wol wene þat thow for cowardyse
The feynest sik / and þat thow darst not rise 413

(56)

¶ ffor which with[2] al myn herte I þe be-seche 386
On-to þyn self þat al þis[1] þow for-yif [[1] with, *overline, later*]
And rys now vp *with*-oute more speche
And lat vs cast how we may best forþ dryf 389
þis tyme & how froschely we may lyf
Til þat sche come & þat may ben ryȝt sone
God help me so / best is þus to done 392

(57)

¶ Rys lat vs speke / of lusty lyf in troye 393
þat we han led / & forthe þe tyme drene
And ek of tyme comynge / vs þo ioye
þat bryngyn schal oure blysse now so blyue 396
And langur of þese / twyis dais fyue
We schal þer*with* forȝetyn oure opresse
þat wel oneþe it schal don vs duresse. 399

(58)

¶ þis toun is ful of lordis al aboute 400
And treus lestith al þis mene while
Go we pley vs in sum lusty route
To Sarpedoun not henys but a myle 403
And þus þou schalt þe tyme wel be-gyle
And dryue it forth on to þat blyaful morwe [[2] *corrected*]
þat þow hire se þat cause is of [2]thyn[2] sorwe 406

(59)

¶ Now rys vp myn dere broþer Troylus 407
ffor certis it is non honour on-to þe
To wepe & in þyn bed to iouke þus
ffor trewelich of on þyng truste me 410
[2]Yef that thow leve a dayer too or thre[2] [[2–2] *by later hand*]
þe folk wele seyn þat þow for cowardyse
þe feynyst sek .& þat þou darst not ryse. 413

(60)

This Troylus answered o broþer dere. 414
This knowen folk þat han y-suffred peyne.
That þough he wepe / and make sorwful chere.
That feleth harm and smert yn euery veyne. 417
No wonder is / and þough I euere pleyne.
Or alwey wepe I am no þing to blame.
Syn I haue lost þe cause of al my game. 420

(61)

But syn of fyn force I moot a-ryse. 421
I shal a-ryse as soone as euere I may.
And god to whom myn herte I sacrifise.
So sende vs hastely þe tenþe day. 424
For was þere neuere foule so fayn of may.
As I shal ben whan þat she comeþ in Troye.
That cause is of my torment and my Ioye. 427

(62)

But whider is þi red quod Troylus. [leaf 96, back] 428
That we may pleye vs best in al þis town.
By god my conseyl is quod Pandarus.
To ryde and pley vs with kyng Sarpedoun. 431
So longe of þis þey speken vp and doun.
Til Troylus gan at þe laste assente.
To ryse / and forth to Sarpedoun þey wente. 434

(63)

This Sarpedoun as he þat honourable. 435
was euere his lyue / and ful of heigh prowesse.
with al þat myghte y-serued ben on table.
That deynte was al cost it gret richesse. 438
He fedde hem day by day þat swich noblesse.
As seyden bope þe meste and [ek] þe leste.
was neuere er þat day wyst at ony feste. 441

(60)

¶ This Troilus answarde o brother deere 414
þis knowen folk þat han suffred pyne
þat though he wepe and make sorwful cheere
þat feeleth harm and smert in euery veyne 417
No wonder is / and though ich euere pleyne
Or alwey wepe / I nam no thynge to blame
Syn I haue lost þe cause of al my game 420

(61)

¶ But syn of fyne force I moot a-ryse [leaf 96] 421
I shal a-ryse as soone as euer y may
And god to whom myn herte I sacrifise
So send vs hastely the tenthe day 424
For was ther neuere fowl so fayn of may
As I shal ben / when þat she cometh in troye
þat cause is of my tormente and my Ioye 427

(62)

¶ But whider is þi reed quod Troilus 428
þat we may pleye vs best in al this town
By god my conseile is quod Pandarus
To ryde and pleyne vs with kynge Sarpedoun 431
So longe of þis they speken vp and down
Til Troilus gan at þe last to assente
To ryse / and forth to Sarpedon they wente 434

(63)

¶ This Sarpedoun as he þat honourable 435
was euere hys lyue / and ful of heigh prowesse
with al þat myght yserued ben on table
þat deynte was /al cost it grete rychesse 438
He fed hym day by day þat swich a noblesse
As seyden bothe þe meest and ek the leeste
was neuere er þat day wiste at any feeste 441

(60)

¶ This Troylus answerde & seyde o pandare broþer 414
þis knowyn folk þat han sufferyd peyne
þat pow he wepe & & make sorwful chere
þat felyth ynyl & smert in euery veyne 417
No wondir is al pow I euere pleyne
Or alwey wepe I am no þyng to blame
Syn I haue lost þe cause of al myn fame 420

(61)

¶ But syn of syn force I moot a-ryse [leaf 168, back] 421
I schal a-ryse as sone as euere I may
And god to hom myn here I sacrifise
So synde vs hastileche þe tenthe day 424
for was þere [1]neuere foul so fayn of my[1] [1–1 corrected]
As I schal ben whan sche comyth to Troye
þat cause is of myn turment & of myn Ioye 427

(62)

// But whoþer / is syn red quod Troylus 428
þat we may pleye vs best in al þis toun
By god myn conseyl is quod Pandarus
To ryde & pley vs with kyng Sarpedoun 431
So longe of þis spoke þey vp & doun
Til Troylus gan at þe laste a-sente
To ryse & forth to sarpedoun þey wente 434

(63)

¶ þis Sarpedoun as he þat honurabele 435
Euere his lyf & ful of hey largesse
With al þat myȝte ben seruyd on tabele
þat deynte was al coste it gret richesse 438
He fed hem day be day þat swich nobelesse
As seyden boþe meste & ek þere leste
Was neuere or þat day sen at ony feste 441

(64)

Nor in þis world þer is noon Instrument. 442
Delicious / þorugh wynd / or touche / or corde.
As fer as ony wyght hath euere y-went;
That tonge telle or herte may recorde. 445
That as þat feste it nas wel herd accorde.
Ne of ladyes ek so fayr a companye.
On daunce / er þo was neuere y-seyn with eye. 448

(65)

But what auayleth þis to Troylus. 449
That for his sorwe no þing of it roughte.
For euere in oon his herte pitous.
Ful busily Criseyde his lady soughte. 452
On here was euerl al þat his herte thoughte.
Now þis now þat so fastè ymagynynge.
That glad y-wys kan hym no festenynge. 455

(66).

These laydyes ek þat at þis feste ben. 456
Syn þat he saw his lady was a-weye.
It was his sorwe vpon hem for to sen.
Or for to here ony Instrumentz so pleye. 459
For she þat of his herte bereth þe keye.
was absent / lo þis was his fantasye.
That no wight sholde make melodye. 462

(67)

Nor ther nas houre in al þe day or nyght. [leaf 102] 463
whan he was þere as no wight myght [hym] here.
That he ne seyde o lufsom lady bryght.
How haue ye faren syn þat ye were þere. 466
wel-come y-wys myn owene lady dere.
But welaway al þis nas but a maze.
Fortune his howue entendeth bet to glaze. 469

(64)

¶ Nor in þis world ther is noon Instrumente 442
Delicious / thorugh wynde or touch on corde
As fer as any wight hath euer wente
þat tonge telle or herte may recorde 445
þat at þat feste it nas wel herd a-corde
Nof ladyes ek so fajre a compaignye
On daunce / er tho / was neuere yseyn *with* eye 448

(65)

¶ But what auailleth þis To troylus 449
þat for his sorwe / no thynge of it roughte
For euere in oon as herte pietus
Ful bisily Criseyde his lady soughte 452
On hire was euere al þat his herte thoughte
Now þis now þat so faste ymagynynge
þat glad y-wis kan hym no feestynge 455

(66)

¶ Thise laydyes ek þat at þis feeste ben 456
Seyn þat he saugh his lady was aweye
It was his sorwe vp-on hem for to sen
Or for to here on Instrumentz so pleye 459
For she þat of his herte bereth þe keye
was absente / lo þis was his fantasie
þat no wight solde maken melodye 462

(67)

¶ Nor ther nas houre in al þe day or-nyght [leaf 82, back] 463
when he was ther / as nought nyght hym here
þat he ne seyde o lufsom lady bryghte
How haue ȝe farne syn þat ȝe were here 466
welcom ywys myn owen lady deere
But walaway al this nas boot a maze
Fortune his howen entended bet to glaze 469

(64)

// Nor in þis world þere is non instrewment 442
Delicious *pour* wynd or cours or corde
As fer as *euery* wiȝt hap euere went
þat tunge telle or herte may recorde 445
þat at þe ferste / *it* was wel herd recorde
Ne of ladyis ek / so fayr a cumpanye
On daunce or þis was neuere sen *with* eye 448

(65)

¶ But what vaylyde þis to Troylus 449
þat for his sorwe no þyng of it rouste
flor euere in on / his herte pitous
ful busyly Crisseyde / his lady souste 452
On hire was euere / al his herte þouste
Now þis now þat / so faste ymagynyng
þat gladyn I-wis / can hym no festyng 455

(66)

¶ þese ladyis ek þat at þe feste-ben [leaf 103] 456
Sen þat he seyth his lady was a-way
It was his *sorwyn on hem* for to sen
Or for to here on Instrument to play 459
flor sche þat of his herte beryth þe kay
Was absent lo þis was his fantasy
þat no wyȝt schulde make melody. 462

(67)

// Ne þere nas oure in al þe day ne nyȝt 463
Whan he was þere þat no man myȝt hym here
þat he ne seyde a lessoum lady bryȝt
How haue ȝe fare sythe ȝe were here 466
Welcome I-wys myn owene lady dere
But welleaway al þis nas but a muse
flortune his enmy entendit but to glase. 469

(68)

The lettres ek þat she of old[e] tyme. 470
Had hym y-sent / he wolde allone rede.
An hundred sithe a-twixen noon and pryme.
Refigurynge here shap / & here womanhede. 473
wiþ-inne his herte / and euery word and dede.
That passed was / and þus he drof to an ende.
The ferþe day / and seyde he wolde wende. 476

(69)

And seyde leue broþer Pandarus. 477
Intendestow þat we shul here bleue.
Til Sarpedoun wol forth congeyen vs.
Yet were it fairer þat we tok oure leue. 480
For godes loue lat vs now sone at eue.
Oure leue take / and homward lat vs torne,
For trewely I wol not þus soiourne. 483

(70)

Pandare answered be we comen heder. 484
To fecchen fyr and rennen hom a-yen.
God helpe me so I kan not tellen whider,
we myghten gon / yf I shal sothly seyn. 487
Ther ony wyght is of vs more fayn.
Than Sarpedoun / and yf we hens hye.
Thus sodeynly / I holde it vilonye. 490

(71)

Syn þat we seyden / þat we wold bleue. 491
wiþ hym a wowke / and now þus sodeynly.
The ferthe day to take of hym oure leue.
He wolde wondren on it trewely. 494
Lat vs holde forth oure purpos fermely.
And syn þat ye bihighten hym to byde.
Hold forward now / and after lat vs ryde. 497

(68)

¶ þe lettres ek þat she of olde tyme 470
Hadde hym sente / he wold allone rede
An hondreth sythe attwexen none and prime
Refigurynge hire shap hire wommanhede 473
with-Inne his herte and euery worde or dede
þat passed was / and þus he droofe tanende
þe ferth day / and seyde he wolde wende 476

(69)

¶ And seyde leue brother Pandarus 477
Intendestow þat we shal here bleue
Til Sarpedon wol forth congeyen vs
Ȝet were it fayrer þat we toke oure leue 480
For goddes loue lat vs now soone at eue
Oure leue take and hamwarde lat vs torne
For trewely I nyl not thus soiorne 483

(70)

¶ Pandare answerde / be we comen hyder 484
To fecchen fir / and rennen hom aȝein
God help me so I kan tellen whider
we myghte goon / If I shal sothely seyn 487
Ther any wight is of vs moore feyn
Than Sarpedon / and we hennes hye
Thus sodeynly / I holde it vilonye 490

(71)

¶ Syn þat we seyden þat we wold bleue 491
with hym a wowke / and now þus sodeynly
þe ferth day / to take of hym oure leue
He wold wondren on it trewly 494
Lat vs holden forth oure purpos fermely
And sen þat ȝe byhighten hym to bide
Holde forward now / and efter lat vs ride 497

(68)

¶ þe letterys ek þat she [1]oftyn tyme[1] [[1—1] *corrector*] 470
Hadde sent / he wolde alle one rede
An hunderyd siþe / be-twixe none & prime
Refuguryn hire schap / hyre womanhede 473
With-inne his herte euery word & dede
þat passed was & þus he drof to an ende
þe ferþe day & þens wolde he wende. 476

(69)

// And seyde leue broþer Pandarus 477
Entendist þow þat we schal here be-leue
Tyl sarpedoun wele hene cunge vs
Ȝit were it fayrere þat we toke oure leue 480
ffor goddys loue let vs nou sone at eue
Oure leue take & homward let vs turne
ffor trewely I nyl not þus soiorne 483

(70)

¶ Pandar*us* answerede wele we þus 484
To feche ffire & renne hom a-ȝen
God helpe me so I can not tellyn whidir
We myȝtyn gon ȝif / I schulde sauely seyn 487
þere euery whit is / of vs more fayn
þan-serpedoun[2] & ȝif we henys hye [[2] ? MS. seepedoun]
þus sodeynly I holde it vilonye 490

(71)

¶ Syn þat ȝe seyde we wolde be-leue [leaf 109, back] 491
With hym a wouke & now þus sodeynly
þe ferþe day *to take of hym* oure leue
He wele wondere on it trewely 494
Lat vs holde oure purpos frendely
And syn þat we behyȝtyn hire to a-byde
Hold forward now & aftyr lat vs ryde 497

(72)

Thus Pandarus with al peyne and wo. [Leaf 100, back] 498
Made hym to dwelle / and at þe wykes end.
Of Sarpedoun / þei toke here leue þo.
And on here wey þey spedden hem to wende. 501
Quod Troylus now god me grace sende.
That I may fynde at myn hom comynge.
Criseyde comen / and þer-wiþ gan he synge. 504

(73)

Ye haselwode þoughte þis Pandare. 505
And to hym self ful sobrelich he seyde.
God wot refreyden may þis hote fare.
Er Calkas sende Troylus Cryseyde. 508
But naþeles he Iaped þus and seyde.
And swor y-wys his herte hym wel byhight.
She wolde come as soone as euere she myghte. 511

(74)

Whan þey vn-to þe paleys were ycomen. 512
Of Troylus / þei down of here hors a-light.
And to þe chambre here wey þan han þei nomen.
And in-to tyme þat gan to nyghte. 515
They spaken of Criseyde þe brighte.
And after þis whan þat hem boþe leste.
Thei spedde hem fro þe soper vn-to reste. 518

(75)

O morwe as soone as day bygan to clere. 519
This Troylus gan of his slep tabreyde.
And to Pandare his owene broþer dere.
For loue of god ful pitously he seyde. 522
So go we seen þe paleys of Criseyde.
For syn we yet may haue nomore feste.
So lat vs seen here paleys at þe leste. 525

(72)

¶ This Pandarus with al peyne and wo 498
Made hym to dwelle / and at þe wekes end
Of Sarpedon / they tok hire leue tho
And hire weye they spedden hem to wende 501
Quod Troilus / now lorde me grace sende
Þat I may fynden at myn home comynge
Criseyde comen / and þer-with gan he synge 504

(73)

¶ Ȝe hastow thought this Pandare [Leaf 83] 505
And to hym self ful softly he seyde
God woot refreyden may this hoot fare
Er Calkas sende Troilus Criseyde 508
But natheles he iapet þus and seyde
And swor I-wis / his herte hym wel bihighte
She wold com as soone as euere she myghte 511

(74)

¶ When they vn-to þe peleys were ycomen 512
Of Troilus / they doun of hors alighte
And to þe chaumbre hire wey than han they nomen
And in to tyme þat it gan to nyghte 515
They spaken of Criseyde the brighte
And after þis when þat hem both liste
They spedde hem fro þe soper vn-to reste 518

(75)

¶ O morw as soone as day bigan to clere 519
This Troilus gan of his slepe to breyde
And to Pandare his owen brother deere
For loue of god ful pitously he preyed 522
As go we sene þe paleys of Criseyde
For syn we ȝit may haue namoore feeste
So lat vs seen hire paleys at þe leste 525

(72)

// þus pandarus *with* al peyne & wo 498
Madyn hym to dwelle & at þe woukis ende
Of þis Sarpedoun / þey toke here leue þo
And on here weye þey speddyn hem to wende 501
Quod Troilus now lord me grase synde
Þat I may fynde at myn homcomyng
Crisseide comyn & þer*with* gan he syng 504

(73)

¶ Ȝa hasilwode / þouȝte þis Pandare 505
And to hym self / þus softely he seyde
God wot refreyne / may þis hote fare
Or calcas sende / Troilus Crisseide 508
But neuerles he Iapede þus & seyde
He swor I-wis his herte him wel be-hyȝte
Sche wolde come as sone as euere sche myȝte 511

(74)

// Whan þey on to here paleys were come 512
Troilus & he doun of here hors alyȝt
And to þe chaumbere þe woye haue þey nome
And on to tyme *þat it* gan on to nyȝt 515
þey spekyn of crisseyde þe bryȝt
And aftyr þis what *þat* hem boþe lyst
Handyn soppid þey speddyn hem on to rest 518

(75)

¶ On morwe as sone as day be-gan to clere 519
þis Troilus gan of his slep to a-breyde
And to Pandarus his owene broþer dere
ffor loue of god ful pitously he preyede 522
Go we sen þe paleys[1] of Crisseyde [1 s, corrected]
But syn we ȝit may haue no more feste
So lat vs sen hire / paleys at þe leste 525

(76)

And þer-with-al his meyne for to blende. 526
A cause he fond in towne for to go.
And to Criseyde hous þei gonnen wende.
But lord þis sely Troylus was wo. 529
Hym poughte his sorweful herte brast a-two.
Fo[r] whan he saugh here dorres sperid alle.
wel neigh for sorwe a-doun he gan to falle. 532

(77)

Ther'with whan he was ware and gan by-holde. [leaf 101] 533
How shet was euery wyndowe of þe place.
As frost hym poughte his herte gan to colde.
For which with chaunged deedlych pale face. 536
with-outen word he forth by-gan to pace.
And as gold wolde he gan so faste ryde.
That no wight of his contenaunce aspide. 539

(78)

Than seyde he þus .o. paleys desolat. 540
O. hous of housses whilom best y-hight.
O. paleys empty and disconsolat.
O. þou lanterne of which queynte is þe light. 543
O. Paleys whilom day þat now art nyght.
wel oughtestow to falle and I to dye.
Syn she is went þat wont was vs to gye. 546

(79)

O Paleys whilom crowne of houses alle. 547
Enlumyned wiþ þe sonne of alle blysse.
O. ryng fro which þe ruby is out falle.
O. cause of wo þat cause hast ben of blysse. 550
Yet syn I may no bet fayn wold I kysse.
Thi colde dores dorst I for þis route.
And fare-wel shryne of whom þe seynt is oute. 553

(76)

¶ And ther-with-alle his menyge for to blende 526
A cause he fonde in towne for to go
And to Criseydes hous they gonnen wende
But lord þis cely Troilus was wo 529
Hym thought his sorwful herte brste a two
For when he saugh hire dorres spered alle
wel neigh for sorwe a doun he gan to falle 532

(77)

¶ Ther-with when he was ware and gan biholde 533
How shet was euery wyndow of þe place
As frost hym thoughte his gan to colde
For which with chaunged deellich pale face 536
with-outen word he forth bygan to pace
And as god wolde he gan so faste ryde
þat no wight of his contenaunce espied 539

(78)

¶ Than seyde he þus .o paleys desolat 540
O hous of housses whylom beste yhight
O paleys empti and disconsolat
O thow lanterne of which queynte is þ[e] light 543
O payleys whilom day þat now ert nyght
wel oughtestow to falle and I to dye
Syn she is wente þat wonte was vs to gye 546

(79)

¶ O paleys whilom crowne of houses alle [leaf 88, back] 547
Enlumyned with sonne of alle blisse
O ryngs fro which þe ruby is out falle
O cause of wo, þat cause hast ben of blisse 550
3it syn I may no bet fayn wold I kysse
þe cold dors / dorst I for þis route
And fare wel shryne of which þ[e] seint is outo 553

(76)

¶ And þerwithal his meyne for to blynde [leaf 116] 526
A cause he fond in to toune for to go
And to Crisseidis hous he gan wende
But lord þis sely troilus was wo 529
Hym pouste his sorweful herte brast on to
for whan he say hire doris sperede alle
Wel nygh for sorwe doun gan he falle 532

(77)

// þerewith whan he was war / & gan be-holde 533
How schet was euery wyndowe of þe place
As frost him pouste his herte gan to colde
for which pale dedlych was his face 536
With-outyn word / he fort be-gan to pase
And as god wolde / he gan so faste ryde
þat no whit of his cuntenaunce aspiede 539

(78)

¶ panne seyde he þus O paleys desolat 540
O hous of housis whilhom best I-hizt
O paleys emty & disconsolat
O þu lantern of wich queynt is þe lyst 543
O paleys whilhom day þat nou art nyst
Wel augist þow to falle & to dieye
Syn sche is went þat wone was þe to geye. 546

(79)

// O paleys whilhom croun of housis alle 547
Enlumynyd with þ[e] forme of alle blys
O ryng of wich þe ruby is out falle
O cause of wo þat cause hab ben of blys 550
3a syn I may no bet fayn wolde I kys
þese colde doris durste I for þe route
And far wel schryne of which þe seynt is oute 553

(80)

Ther-with he caste on Pandarus his eye
with chaunged face. and pitous to beholde.
And whan he myght his tyme a-right aspye.
Ay as he rod to Pandarus he tolde.
His newe sorwe and ek his Ioyes olde.
So pitously and with so dedo an hewe.
That euery wight myghte on his sorwe rewe.

(81)

Fro ponsforth he rideth vp and down.
And euery þing cam hym to remembraunce.
As he rod forth by places of the toun.
In whiche he whilom hadde al his plesaunce.
Lo yende saugh I myn owene lady daunce.
And in þat temple with here eyen clere.
Me kaught first my right lady dere.

(82)

And yender haue I herd ful lustily. [leaf 131, back]
My dere herte laughe and yonder pleye.
Saugh I here ones ek ful blysfully.
And yender ones to me gan she seye.
Now goode swete / loue me wel I preye.
And yond so goodly gan she me byholde.
That to þe deth myn herte is to here holde.

(83)

And at þat corner in þe yonder hous.
Herde I myn alderleuest lady dere.
So wommanly wiþ voys melodious.
Syngen so wel / so goodly and so clere.
That in my soule yet me þenkeþ I here.
The blisful soun / and in þat yonder place.
My lady first me tok vn-to here grace.

(80)

¶ Ther-*with* he caste on Pandarus his ye
with chaunged face / and pitous to beholde
And when he myght his tyme a right espie
ay as he rode to Pandarus he told
His new sorwe / and ek his Ioyes olde
So pitously and *with* so dedo an howe
þat euery wight myght on his sorwes rewe

(81)

¶ Fro tennes forth he rydeth vp and doun
And euery thynge com hym to remembraunce
As he rode forth by þe places of þe town
In which he whilom had alle his plesaunce
Lo yonder saugh ich myn owen lady daunce
And in þat temple with hire eyen clere
Me caught firste my right lady deere

(82)

¶ And yonder haue I herd ful lustili
My deere herte laugh and yonder playe
Saugh ich hire oones ek ful blisfully
And yonder oones to me gan she seye
Now goode swete loue me wel I preye
And yonder so gladly gan she me be-holde
þat to þe deth myn herte is to hir holde

(83)

¶ And at þat corner in þe yonder place
herde I myn alderleuest lady deere
So wommanly with vois melodyous
Syngen so wel / so goodely and so clere
þat in my soule 3it me thynketh ich here
þe blisful soun / and in þat 3onder place
My lady first me tooke vnto hire grace

(80)

¶ And *þer*with he caste on pandare his eye
With schaungynge face & pitous to beholde
And whan he myȝte his tyme a-ryȝt a-spye
Ay as he rod to pandaris he tolde
His newe sorwe & ek his Ioyes olde
So pitously & *with* so pale an howe
þat *euery* wiȝt / myȝt on his sorwe rewe

(81)

¶ ffrom þons forth þey redyn vp & doun [last line, back]
And *euery* þyng come hym to *remembraunce*
As he rod forbi placis in þe toun
In which he whil*hom* hadde his plesaunse
Lo 3ondyr say I last myn ladi daunce
And in þat *temple* *with* hire eyȝen clere
Me cauȝte ferst myn ryȝte lady dere.

(82)

// And 3ondyr haue I herd *ful* lustyly
Myn dere herte lauȝe & 3ondyr play
Saw I hire onys ek ful busily
Now goode *swete* loue me wel I pray
3ondyr onys to me gan sche say
And 3ondir so godly gan sch[e] me be-holde
þat to þe deþ myn herte is to hire holde

(83)

¶ And at þat corner in þe 3ondyr hous
Herde I aldyr louelyest lady dere
So womanly *with* voys melidi*ous*
Synge so wel so-godly & so clere
þat *in myn soule 3it me fynkith* I here
þe blisful soun & in þat-3ondir place
Myn lady fyrst me tok on-tyl hyre grace

(84)

þanne þought he þus / o blisful lord Cupide.
whanne I þe proces haue in memorie.
How þow me hast waryed on euery syde.
Men myght a book mak of it lyk a storie.
what nede is þe to seke on me victorie.
Syn I am þyn / and holly at þi wille.
what Ioye hastow þyn owene folk to spille.

(85)

Wel hastow lord y-wroke on me þin Ire.
Thow myghty god and dredful fot to greue.
Now mercy lord / þow wostwel I desire.
Thi grace most of alle lustes leene.
And leue and deye I wol [in] þi byleeue.
For which I naxe in guerdon but a bone.
That þow Criseyde a-yen me sende soone.

(86)

Distreyne here herte as faste to retorne.
As þow dost myn to longen here to se.
Than wot I-wel þat she nyl not soiourne.
Now blisful lorde so cruwel þow ne be.
Vn-to þe blod of Troye I preye þe.
As Iuno was vn-to þe blood Thebane.
For which þe folk of Thebes caught here bane.

(87)

And after þis he to þe yates wente.
There as Crisoyde out rood a ful good pass.
And vp and doun þer made he many a went.
And to hym self ful ofte he seyde allas.
From hens rood my blysse and my solas.
As wolde blisful god now for his Ioye.
I myghte here seen a-yen come in Troye.

(84)

¶ Than thought he thus O blisful lord cupide
When þe procese haue in memorye
how thow me hast weryed on euery syde
Men myght a book mak of it lyk a story
What nede is þe to seke on me victorye
Syn I am thyn and holly at þi wille
what Ioye hastow thyn swene folk to spille

(85)

¶ Wel hastow ywroke on me thyn Ire
Thow myghty god and dredeful for to greue
Now mercy god thow woost wel I desire
Thy grace / moost of alle lustes leoue
And lyue and dye I wol in thi beleue
For which I naxe in guerdon but a boone
þat thowe Criseyde azein me sende soone

(86)

¶ Destreyne hire herte as fast to retourne
As thow doost myn / to longen hire to see
þan woot I wel þat she nyl naught soiourne
Now blisful lorde so cruwel thow ne be
Vn-to þe blode of Troye I preye þe
as Iuno was vn-to þe blode Thebane
For which þe folk-of thebes caught hire bane

(87)

¶ And after þis he to þe gates wente
þer as Crisoyde oute rode a ful goode pace
And vp and doun þer made he many a wente
And to hem self ful oft he seyde allas
Fro hennes rod my blisse and my solas
As wold blisful god now for his Ioye
I myght hire seen azein com in to Troye

(84)

// þanne þouȝte he þus a blyful lorde cupid
Whan I þyn proces haue in myn memorye
How þou hast me weryed in e enemy syde
Men myȝte a bok make of it lyk a storye
What ist þe to seke on me victory
Syn I am al holy at þyn wille
What Ioye hast þou þynne owene folk to spille

(85)

¶ Wel hast þou lord I-wroke on me þyn yre
þow myȝty god & dredful for to greue
Now mercy lord þow wost wel I desyre
þyn grace lord most of alle lustys leue
And lyf & deþ I wil in þe be-leue
ffor which I ne axe en gardoun but on bone
þat þow me sende Crisseyde a-gen sone

(86)

¶ Distreyne hyre herte as faste to retorne
As þow dedyst myn to longyn hire to se
þanne wot I wel þat sche nyl not soiourne
Now blyful lord so crewel þu ne be
Vn-to þe blod of Troye I preye þe
As Iuno was vn-to þe blod Theban
ffor which þe folk of Troye cauȝt here ban

(87)

// And aftyr þis on to þe gate he went
þere as crisseyde out rod a ful god pas
And vp & doun þere made he manye a went
And to hym self ful ofte he seyde allas
ffrom henys rod myn blys & myn solas
As wolde blyful god now for his ioye
I myȝt hire sen a-gen comyn in to troye

(88)

And to þe yonder hill I gan here gyde. 610
Allas / and þere I tok of here my leue.
And yond I saugh here to hire fader ryde.
For sorwe of which myn herte shal to-cleue. 613
And heder hom I com whan it was eeue.
And here I dwelle out-cast from alle Ioye.
And shal til I may se here eft in Troye. 616

(89)

And of hym-self ymagyned he ofte. 617
To ben defet / and pale / and woxen lesse.
Than he was wont / and þat men seyde softe.
what may it be / who kan þe soþe gesse. 620
whi Troylus hath al þis heuynesse.
And al þis nas but his malencolye.
That he hadde of hym-self swich fantasye. 623

(90)

Anoþer tyme ymagynen he wolde. 624
That euery wight þat wente by þe weye.
Had of hym rouþe / and þat þei seyen sholde.
I am right sory Troylus wol deye. 627
And thus he drof a day yet forth or tweye.
As ye haue herd swych lyf right gan he lede.
As he þat stood by-twixen hope and drede. 630

(91)

For which hym liked yn hise songes shewe. 631
Thencheson of his wo as he best myghte.
And make a song of wordes but a fewe.
Somwhat his woful herte for to lyghte. 634
And whan he was from euery mannes sighte.
with soft voys / he of his lady dere.
That was absent gan to syngen as ye may here. 637

(88)

¶ And to þe ȝonder hill I gan hire gyde 610
Allas / and ther I took of hire my leeue
And ȝonde I saugh hire to hire fader ryde
For sorwe of which myn herte shal to-cleue 613
And hider hom I com when it was eue
And here I dwelle out cast from alle Ioye
And shal til I may seen her eft in troye 616

(89)

¶ And of hym-self ymagyned he oft 617
To ben defet / and pale and waxen lesse
Than he was wont / and þat men seyde softe
what may it be / who kan þe soth gesse 620
Whi Troylus hath alle þise heuynesse
And al this nas but his malencolye
þat he hadde of hym-self swich fantasye 623

(90)

¶ Another tyme ymagynen he wolde 624
þat euery wyght þat wente by þe weye
Hadde of hym routhe and at they seyne schold
I am right sory Troilus wol deye 627
And þus he drof a day ȝit forth or tweye
As ȝe han herde swich lyf right gan he lede
As he þat stood bitwixen hope and drede 630

(91)

¶ For whic[h] hym liked in his songes shew [Leaf 84, bk] 631
Thenecheson of his wo as he best myghte
And made a song of wordes but a fewe
Somwhat his woful herte for to lighte 634
And when he was from euery mannes sighte
with soft vois / he of his lady deere
That absent was / gan synge as ȝe may here 637

(88)

¶ And to ȝondir hil I gan hire gyde 610
Allas & þere I tok of hire myn leue
And ȝonde I say hyre to hire fadyr ryde
ffor sorwe of which myn herte wil to-cleue 613
And hom hidir I com whan it was eue
And here I dwelle cast out from alle ioye
And schal tyl I may sen hire eft in troye 616

(89)

// And of hym self ymagined he ofte 617
To ben defect pale & waxe lasse
þan he was wont & þat men seydyn softe
What may it be ho can þe soþe gesse 620
Whi troylus haþ al þis heuynesse
Al þis nas not his malencoly
þat he hadde of hym self swich fantasy 623

(90)

¶ A noþer tyme ymagyne he wolde 624
þat euery wiȝt þat wente by þe wey
Hadde of hym reuthe and þat þey seyn schulde
I am ryȝt sory Troylus wil deye 627
And þus he drof a day forth or twey
As ȝe han herd swich lyf gan he lede
As he þat stod a-twixe hope & drede 630

(91)

¶ ffor which he likid in hise songis to schewe [Lf 111, bk] 631
þe enchesoun of his wo / as he best myȝt
And mad a song of wordis but a fewe
Sumwhat his woful herte for to lyȝt 634
And whan he was from euery mannys syȝt
With softe voys he of his lady dere
þat absent was may synge as ȝe may here 637

(92) (*Troylus's Song for Cressid*)

O sterre of which I lost haue al þe light. [last leaf, back] 638
with herte sor / wel ought I to be-wayle.
That euere derk in torment nyght by nyght.
Toward my deth with wynd in stere I sayle. 641
For which þe tenþe nyght if þat I faile.
Thi gydyng of þi bemes bright an houre.
My ship and me Carybdes wol deuoure. 644

(93)

This song when he þus songen hadde soone. 645
He fyl a-yen in-to his sikes olde.
And euery nyght as was his wone to done.
He stod þe bryght mone to beholde. 648
And al his sorwe he to þe mone tolde.
And seyde I-wys whan þow art horned newe.
I shal be glad yf al þe world be trewe. 651

(94)

I saugh þin hornes olde ek by þe morwe. 652
whan hens rod my ryght lady dere.
That cause is of my torment and my sorwe.
For whiche o bright lathona þe clere. 655
For loue of god ren fast a-boute þi spere.
For whanne þyn hornes newe gynne sprynge.
Than shal [s]he come þat may me blisse brynge. 658

(95)

The dayes more / and lengere euery nyght. 659
Than þei be wont to be hym þoughte þo.
And þat þe sonne wente his course vnright.
By lenger wey / þan it is wont to go. 662
And seyde I-wys me dredeþ euere mo.
The sonnes sone Pheton be on lyne.
And þat his fadres cart a-mys he dryue. 665

[C]antus Troili [*in margine*] (92)

¶ O sterre of which I lost haue alle þe lighte 638
With herte soore wel oughte I to bewaylle
þat euere derk in tormente nyght by nyght
Towarde my deth / *with* wynde in steere I saylle 641
For whiche þe tenthe nyght If þat I faile
þe gidynge of þi bemes bright an houp
My ship and me Caribdes wol deuoure 644

(93)

¶ þis songe when he þus songen hadde soone 645
He fel azein in to his sikes olde
And euery nyghe as was his wone to doone
He stood þe bryght mone to be-holde 648
And al his sorwe he to þe moone tolde
And seyde I-wis / when thow ert horned newe
I shal be glad yif alle þe world be trewe 651

(94)

¶ I saugh thyne hornes old ek by þe morw 652
When hennes rode my right lady deere
þat cause is of myn torment and myn sorwe
For which o bryght latona the clecre 655
For loue of god renne fast aboute thy spere
For when thyne hornes new gynnen sprynge
þan shal she come þat may my blisse brynge 658

(95)

¶ The dayes moore and longer euere nygh 659
þan þey ben wonte to be hym thought tho
And þat þe sonne wente his course vnright
By longer weye þan it was wonte to go 662
And seyde I-wis me dredeth euere moo
The sonnes sone / Pheton be on lyne
And þat his fader carte a-mys he dryue 665

(92)

¶ O sterre of which I lost haue al þe lyst 638
With herte sor wel ought I to be-wayle
þat euere I lyue in turnement nyght be nyght
Toward myn deþ *with* wynd on sterid I sayle 641
ffor whiche þe tenthe nyst 3if I fayle
þe gydynge of þynne bemys bryste an ours
Myn schyp & me Carybdes wole deuoure 644

(93)

¶ þis song whan he hade songe also sone 645
He fel a-3en in-to his sikys olde
And euery nyst as was his wone to done
He stod þe bryste mone to be-holde 648
And al his sorwe on-to þe mone tolde
And seyde whan þow art hornede newe
I schal be glad 3if al þe world be trewe 651

(94)

¶ I say þynne hornys olde by þe morwe 652
Whan henys rod myn bryste lady dere
þat cause is of myn turnent & myn sorwe
ffor wich o bryste latona þo [1]clete[1] [—1 *corrector*] clere 655
ffor loue of god ren faste a-boute þyn spere
And whanne þyne hernys newe be-gynne to springe
þanne schal sche come þat may myn blysse brynge 658

(95)

¶ þe day is more & lengere euery nyst 659
þan þey ben wone to be hym þouste þo
And þat þe sunne wente his cours on-ryst
Be lengere weye þan it was wone to go 662
And seyde I-wis me dredyþ euermo
þat þe sonnes sone Pheeon be on lyne
And þat his fadiris carte a-mys he dryue 665

(96)

Vpon þe walles faste ek wolde he walke: 666
And on þe Grekes ost he wolde se.
And to hym self right þus he wolde talke.
Lo yender is myn owene lady fre. 669
Or elles yonder þere þo tenten be.
And þen[ne]s comth þis Eyr þat is so soote.
That in my soule I fele it doth me bote. 672

(97)

And hardely this wynd þat more and more. [leaf 165] 673
Thus stoundemele encreseth in my face.
It is of my ladyes depe sikes sore.
I preue it þus for in noon oþere place. 676
Of al þis town / saue onlyche in þis space.
Feele I no wynd þat sowneth so lyk peyne.
It seyth allas / why twynned be we tweyne. 679

(98)

This longe tyme he dryneth forth right þus. 680
Til fully passed was þe nynþe nyght.
And ay by syde hym was þis Pandarus.
That bysily dide alle his fulle myght. 683
Hym to comforte / and make his herte lyght.
Yeuynge hym hope alwey þe tenþe morwe.
That she shal come / and stynte al his sorwe. 686

(99)

Vp on þe toþer side ek was Criseyde. 687
with wommen fewe among þe Grekes stronge.
For whiche ful ofte a day allas she seyde.
That I was born wel may myn herte longe. 690
After my deth for now lyue I to longe.
Allas and I ne may it not amende.
For now it is wors þan euere yet I wende. 693

(96)

¶ Vp on the walles fast ek wold he walke 666
And on þe grekes Oost he wold se
And to hym self right þus he wold talke
Lo ȝonder is myn swene lady free 669
Or elles ȝonder ther the tentes bee
And thennes cometh this eyr þat is so soot
þat in my soule I feele it doth me boote 672

(97)

¶ And hardyly þis wynde þat moore and moore [leaf 85] 673
þus stoundemele encresseth in my face
Is of my ladys depe sykes sore
I preue it thus / for in noon nother place 676
Of al this town / saue oonly in þis space
Feele I no wynde / þat souneth so lyke peyne
It seith allas / whi twynned be we tweyne 679

(98)

¶ This longe tyme he dryneth forth right þus 680
Til fully passed was the nynthe nyght
And ay by syde hym was Pandarus
þat bisily dide al his ful myght 683
Hym to conforth and mak his herte light
Ȝeuynge hym hope alweye þe tenthe morwe
þat she shal come and stenten al his sorwe 686

(99)

¶ Vp on þat other syde eke was Crisseyde 687
with wommen few / omange þe grekes stronge
For which ful oft a day / allas she seyde
þat I was borne / wel may myn herte longe 690
after my deth / for now lyue I to longe
Allas / and I ne may it not amende
For now is wers þan euere ȝit I wende 693

(96)

¶ Vp on þe wall faste ek wolde he walk [leaf 112] 666
And on þe grekis ofte wolde he se
And to hym self ryȝt þus he wolde talke
Lo ȝondyr is myn owene lady fre 669
Or ell ȝondyr þere þe tentis be
And þenys comyth þis eyr þat is so swote
þat in myn soule I fele it doþ me bote 672

(97)

¶ And hardely þe wynd þat more & more 673
þus stormyal encresith in [1]myn face[1] [1—1 corrector]
Is of myne ladijs sykys sore
I preue it þus for in non oþer space 676
Of al þis toun saue only in þis plase
ffele I no wynd þat sounyth so lych peyne
It seyth allas whyn twynnyd be we tweyne 679

(98)

¶ þis longe tyme be dryuyth forth ryȝt þus 680
Til fully passid was þe nynnte nyȝt
And ay be syde hym was þis pandarus
And besyly dede al his fulle myȝt 683
Hym to conforte & maken his herte lyȝt
Ȝeuynge hym hope alwey þe tente morwe
þat sche schal come & styntyn al his sorwe 686

(99)

Up on þat oþer syde ek was Crisseyde 687
With wemen fewe a-mong þe grekys stronge
ffor which ful ofte a day allas sche seyde
þat I was born wil may [2]myn herte longe[2] [2—2 corrector] 690
Aftyr myn day / for now leue [3]I to[3] longe [3—3 corrector]
Allas & I ne may it not amende
ffor now is wors þan euere ȝit I wende. 693

(100)

My fader nyl for no þing do me grace. 694
To goon a-yen for ought I kan hym queme.
And yf so be þat I my terme passe.
My Troylus shal in his herte deme. 697
That I am fals and so it may wel seme.
Thus shal I haue vnþank on euery side.
That I was born so weylawey þe tyde. 700

(101)

And yf þat I me put in Iupartie. 701
To stele awey by nyghte an it by-falle.
That [I] be caught / I shal be hold a spie.
Or elles lo þis drede I most of alle. 704
yf in þe hondes of som wreche I falle.
I am but lost al be myn herte trewe.
Now myghty god / þow on my sorwe rewe. 707

(102)

Ful pale y-woxen was hire brighte face. [leaf 103, back] 708
Her lymes lene / as she þat al þe day.
Stod whan she dorste / and loked on þe place.
The[r] she was born / and she dwelt hadde ay. 711
And al þe nyght wepynge alias she lay.
And þus despeired out of alle cure.
She ladde here lyf / þis woful creature. 714

(103)

Ful ofte a day she syked for destresse. 715
And in here-self she wente ay portreynge.
Of Troylus þe gret[e] worþinesse.
And alle his goodly wordes recordynge. 718
Syn first þat day here loue bygan to sprynge.
And þus she sette here ful herte a-fyre.
Thorugh remembraunce of þat she gan desire. 721

(100)

¶ My fader nyl for thynge do me grace 694
To gon ayein / for nought I kan hym queme
And if so be þat I my terme pace
My Troilus shal in his herte deme 697
þat I am fals / and so it may wel seme
þus shal ich haue vnthonke on euery syde
þat I was borne / so walawey þe tyde 700

(101)

¶ And if þat I me put in Iupartye 701
To stele awey by nyght / and it be-falle
þat I be caught / I shal be hold a spye
Or elles lo / þis drede I moost of alle 704
If in þe hondes of som wreche I falle
I nam but lost / al be myn herte trowe
Now myghty god thow on my sorwe rewe 707

(102)

¶ Ful pale ywoxen was hire brighte face 708
Hire lymes lene / as she þat al þe day
Stood when þat she dorste / and loked on þe place
Ther she was borne / and she dwelt had ay 711
And al þe nyght wepynge alias she lay
And þus despeyred oute of alle cure
She ledde hire lyf this woful creature. 714

(103)

¶ Ful ofte a day she sighte ok for destresse [leaf 88, back] 715
And in hire-self she wente ay portreynge
Of Troilus the grete worthinesse
And alle his goodely wordes recordynge 718
Syn first þe day hire loue bigan to sprynge
And þus she sette hire woful herte afire
Thorugh remembraunce of þat she gan desire 721

(100)

¶ Myn fadyr wil for no þyng don me grace 694
To gon a-3en for nou3t þat I may queme
And 3if it so be þat I myn terme pase
Myn Troilus schal in his herte deme 697
þat I am fals & so it may wel seme
þus schal I haue on-þank on euery syde
þat I was boryn so welleaway þe tyde 700

(101)

¶ And 3if þat I me putte in iupardye [leaf 112, back] 701
To stele a-way be nyt & it so falle
þat I be caut I schal be holde a spye
Or elt lo þis drede I most of alle 704
3if in þe hondis of sum wreche I falle
I am but lost al be myn herte trewe
Now my3ty god þou on myn sorwe rewe 707

(102)

// ful pale I-waxen was hire bryȝte face 708
Here lemys lene as sche þat al þe day
Stod whan sche durste & lokede on to þe place
þere sche was boryn & þere sche dwellyd hadde ay 711
And al þe nyȝt wepynge al as sche lay

[No gap in the MS.]

(103)

And þus sche sette hyre woful herte on [1]fyre[1] [1–1 *corrected*]
þour remembraunce of þat sche gan desyre. 721

(104)

In al þis world þer nys so cruwel herte. 722
That here had herd compleyne in here sorwe
That nolde han wopen for here peynes smerte.
So tendrely she wepte boþe eue and morwe. 725
Here nedede no teris for to borwe.
And þis was yet þe worste of al here peyne.
Ther was no wight to whom she dorste hire pleyne. 728

(105)

Ful rowfully she loked vp-on Troye. 729
By-held þe toures heyghe and ek þe halles.
Allas quod she þe plesaunce and þe Ioye.
The whiche þat now al *torned* in to galle ys. 732
Haue I had ofte-with-Inne *þo yonder wallys*
Of Troylus / what dost[ow] *now she seyde.*
Lord whe[þe]r yet þou þenke vp-on Criseyde. 735

(106)

Allas I ne hadde trowed on yowre lore. 736
And went with yow as ye me radde er þis.
Thanne had I now not siked half so sore.
who myght haue seyd þat I had don a-mys. 739
To stele a-wey with swich on as he is.
But al to late cometh þe letuarye.
Whan men þe cors vn-to þe graue carye. 742

(107)

To late is now to speke of þis matere. [leaf 104] 743
Prudence allas / oon of þyn eyen two.
Me lakked alwey er þat I cam here.
On tyme y-passed wel remembred me. 746
And present tyme ek koude I wel y-se.
But futur tyme er I was in þe snare.
Koude I not seen / þat causeþ now my care. 749

(104)

¶ In al þis world ther nys so cruwel herte 722
That hire hadde herd compleyne in hire destresse
þat nold han wopen for hire peynes smerte
So tendrely she wepte bothe eue and morwe 725
Hire neded non teris for to borwe
And þus was ȝet the werste of al hyre peyne
Ther was no wight to whom she dorst hire pleyne 728

(105)

¶ Ful Ioyful she loked vp on troye 729
By-helde þe toures heigh and ek þe hallis
Allas quod she the plesaunce and þe Ioye
The which that now al tourned in-to galle is 732
Haue ich hadde oft *with*-Inne þo ȝonder wallis
O Troilus what dostow *now she seyde*
Lord whether thow thy[*n*]ke ȝet vp-on Criseyde 735

(106)

¶ Allas I madde ytrowed on ȝoure lore 736
And wente *with* ȝow / as ȝe me redde or this
Thanne hadde I now not siked half so sore
who myght han seyde þat I had don a-mys 739
To stele away with swich oon as he is
But al to late cometh the latuarye
when men the cors vn-to the graue [carye] 742

(107)

¶ To late is now to speke of þat matere 743
Prudens allas oon of thyn eyn thre
Me lakked alwey er þat I com here
On tyme presente wel remembred me 746
And present tyme ek koude ich wel ysee
But future tyme er I was in þe snare
Koude I not sen þat causeth now my care 749

(104)

¶ In al þis world *þere* nys so crowel herte 7
þat hire hade herd *com*pleyne / in hire sorwe
þat wolde a wepid for hire peynys smerte
So tendyrly sche wepid boþe eue & morwe 7
Hire nedit none teris for to borwe
And þis was ȝit werst of al hire peyne
þere nas no wiȝt to whom sche durste hire *com*pleyne. 7

(105)

// ful reufully sche lokede vp on troye 7
Be-hild þe tourys hye & ek þe wall
Allas *quod* sche þe plesaunse & þe ioye
þe whiche now al turnyd in-to galle is 7
Haue I ofte had *with*-inne ȝone wallis
O Troil*us* what dost þou now sche seyde
Lord whe*þer* *þou* þynke ȝit on Crisseyde 7

(106)

¶ Allas þat I ne hadde trowid on ȝo*ure* lore 7
And wente *with* ȝow as ȝe redde me or þis
þanne hadde I not sikyd half so sore
Who myȝte a seyd þat I hadde don a-mys 7
To stele a-wey / *with* swich on as he is
But al to late comyth þe letewarye
Whan men þ^e dede cors on-to þe graue carye 7

(107)

¶ To late is now to speke of þis matere [leaf 113] 7
Prudence allas on of þynne eyen þre
Me lakkid alway er þan I *cam* here
On tyme passid wel rem*em*brid me 7
And *present* tyme ek coude I wel se
But er *þat* tyme þat I was in þ^e snare
Coude I not sen *þat* causeþ now myn care 7

(108)

But naþeles bytyde what bityde. 750
I shal to morwe at nyght by Est or west.
Out of þis ost stelen on som manere syde.
And go with Troylus wher as hym lest. 753
This purpos wol I holde and þis is best.
No fors of wykked tonges Ianglerye.
For euere on loue han wrecches had ennye. 756

(109)

For who so wold of euery word take hede. 757
Or rewelyn hym by euery wightes wit.
Shal he neuere þryue out of drede.
For þat þat somme han blamed euere yit. 760
Lo oþer manere folk commenden it.
And as for me for al swych variaunce.
Felicite clepe I my suffisaunce. 763

(110)

For which wiþ-outen ony wordes moo. 764
To Troye I wole as for my conclusion.
But god it wot er fully monthes two.
She was ful fer fro þat entencion. 767
For boþe Troylus and Troye toun.
Shal knotles thorugh-out here herte slyde.
For she wol take a purpos for tabyde. 770

(111)

This Diomede of whom yow telle I gan. 771
Gooth now with-Inne hym self ay arguynge.
with al þe sleighte and al þat euere he kan.
How he may best with short taryinge. 774
In-to his net Criseydes herte brynge.
To þis entent he koude neuere fyne.
To fysshen here / he leyde out hook and lyne. 777

(108)

¶ But natheles bitide what bitide 750
I shal to morw at nyght by est or weste
Out of þis oost stele in som manere syde
And gon with Troilus wher as hym leste 753
This purpos wol I hold and this is beste
No fors of wikked tonges Ianglerye
For euere on loue han wreches hadde envye 756

(109)

¶ For who so wole of euery worde tak hede [last 86] 757
Or rulen hym by euery wightes wit
Ne shal he neuere thryuen out of drede
For þat at som men blamen euere ȝit 760
loo other maner folk comenden it
And as for me for alle swich variaunce
Felicite clepe I my suffisaunce 763

(110)

¶ For which *with*-outen any wordes moo 764
To Troye I wol as for conclusion
But god it woot er fully monthes two
She was ful fer fro þat entencioun 767
For both Troilus and Troyes town
Shal knotles thorugh-out hir herte slyde
For she wol take a purpos for tabide 770

(111)

¶ This Dyomede of whom ȝow telle I gan 771
Goth now *with*-Inne hym self ay arguynge
with al þe sleughte / and alle þat euere he kan
How he may best with shortest taryinge 774
In to his net Criseydes herte brynge
To þis entente he koude neuere fyne
To fisshen hire he layde out hook and lyne 777

(108)

¶ But neuer-þeles be-tyde what be-tyde 750
I schal to morwe at nyȝt ben est or west
Out of þis ostel in sum maner syde
And gon *with* Troilus þere þat hym good lest 753
þis purpos wele I holde & þis is best
Nofors of wekede tongis ianglerye
ffor euere of loue han wrechis had enuye 756

(109)

¶ ffor ho-so wele of euery word take hed 757
Or reule hym be euery wiȝtis wit
He schal neuere þryuyn out of drede
ffor þat þat somen blame euere ȝit 760
Lo oþere manyr folk comendyn it
And as for me for al swich varyaunce
ffelicite clepe I myn sufficiaunce 763

(110)

¶ ffor which I wele *with*-oute wordis mo 764
To Troye I wil as for conclusioun
But god it wot er fully monythis to
Sche was ful fer from þat entencioun 767
ffor boþe Troilus & Troye toun
Schal knotteles þour hire herte glyde
ffor sche wele take a purpos al be syde 770

(111)

This dyomede of which I telle ȝow gan 771
Goþ now *with* hym seluyn arguynge
With al þe sleyȝte & al þat euere he can
How he may best *with* schort-taryinge 774
In-to his net Crisseydis herte brynge
To his entent he coude neuere fyne [1, 2, ysshyn, both, corrected]
To fysshyn[1] hire he leyde both[2] hok or lyne 777

(112)

But naþeles wel in his herte he þoughte. [leaf 104, back] 778
That she nas nat wiþ-oute a loue in troye.
For neuere sithen he here þen[ne]s broughte.
Ne koude he sen her laughen or make Ioye. 781
He nyste how best here herte for tacoye.
But for to assaye he seyde it nought ne greueth.
For he þat nought nassayeth nought nacheueth. 784

(113)

Yet seide he to hym self vpon a nyght. 785
Now am I not a fool þat wot wel how.
Hire wo / for loue is [of] a noþer wight.
And here-vp-on to gon assaye here nowe. 788
I may wel wite it nyl not ben my prow.
As wys[e] folk in bokes it expresse.
Men shal not wowe a wight in heuynesse. 791

(114)

But who-so myghte wynnen swych a flour. 792
From hym / for whom she morneth nyght and day.
He myghte seyn he were a conquerour.
And right a-noon as he þat bold was ay. 795
Thoughte in his herte / happe how happe may.
Al sholde I deye .I. wole here herte seche.
I. shal no more lesen but my speche. 798

(115)

This Diomede as bokes vs declare. 799
was in his nedes prest and corageus.
With sterne voys and myghty lymes square.
Hardy / testyf / strong and cheualrous. 802
Of dedes lyk his fader Tideus.
And som men seyn he was of tunge large.
And heyr he was of Calydoyne and Arge. 805

(112)

¶ But natheles wel in his herte he thoughte 778
þat she nas nat with-out a loue in Troye
For neuere sithen he hire thennes brought
Ne koude he sen hire laughe or maken Ioye 781
He nyst how best hire for tacoie
But for tasaie he seyde nought it ne greueth
For he þat nought nasayeth nought nacheueth 784

(113)

¶ ȝet sayde he to hymself vp-on a nyght 785
Now am I nought a fool þat woot wel how
Hire wo for loue his of a nother wight
And hire-vp-on to gon asaye hire nowe 788
I may wel wete it nyl not ben my prow
For wyse folk in bokes it expresse
Men shal nought wowe a wight in heuynesse 791

(114)

¶ But who-so myght wynnen swich a floure 792
From hym for whom she morneth nyght and day
He myght seyn he were a conqueroure
And right anon as he þat bolde was ay 795
Thought in his herte happe how happe may
Al shold I dye I wol hire herte seche
I shal namore lesen but my speche 798

(115)

¶ This Dyomede as bokes us declare [leaf 86, back] 799
was in his nedes prest and corageus
witht stierne vois / and myghty lymes square
Hardy / testis / strong / and chiualrus 802
Of dedes like his fader tydeus
And som men seyn he was of tonge large
And heire he was of Calidoyne and arge 805

(112)

¶ But neuer-þe-les wel in his herte he þouȝte [if 118, bk] 77
þat sche was not with-oute a loue in troye
ffor neuere sithe he hire þens brouȝte
Ne coude hyre se lauȝhe ne make ioye 78
He nyste how best hire herte ta-coye
But for to a-saye ȝiftys he ȝeuyth
ffor he þat nouȝt a-sayeþ nouȝt ne cheuyth 78

(113)

¶ ȝit seyde he to hym self vp-on a-nyȝt 78
Now am I not a fol þat wot wel how
Hire wo is for loue of a noþer wiȝt
And her-vp-on to gon a-say hire now 78
I may wel wete it nyl not be myn prow
ffor wise folk in bokis it expres
Men schal not wowe a wyȝt in heuynes 791

(114)

¶ ffor ho so myȝte wynne swich a flour 79
ffrom him for whom sche mournyth nyȝt & day
He myȝte seyn he were a conquerour
And ryȝt a-non as he þat bold was ay 79
þouȝte in herte happe how happe may
Al schulde I deye I schulde hire herte seche
I schal no more lese but myn speche 79

(115)

¶ þis Diomede as bokis vs declare 799
Was in hise nedis prest & coraisous
With sterne voys & myȝti lemys square
Hardy testyf strong & cheualrous 802
Of dedis lik his fadyr Thedeous
And some men was here of tunge large
And eyþer it was of / calidoyne & arge 805

(116)

Criseyde mene was of here stature. 806
Therto of shap / of face / and ek of chere.
Ther myght[e] ben no fayrer creature.
And oft[e] tyme þis was here manere. 809
To gon y-tressed with hire heerys clere.
Doun by hire coler at here bak byhynde.
which with a þred of gold she wold[e] bynde. 812

(117)

And saue here browes Ioyneden y-fere. [leaf 105] 813
Ther nas no lak in ought I kan espyen.
But for to speke[n] of hire eyen clere.
Lo trewely þei writen þat here syen. 816
That Paradys stood formede in here eyen.
And with here riche beaute euere more.
Strof loue in here / ay which of hem was more. 819

(118)

She sobre was / ek symple and wys with-al. 820
The beste y-norissed ek þat myghte be.
And goodly of here speche in general.
Charitable / estatlyche / lusty & fre. 823
Ne neuere mo ne lakkede here pyte.
Tendre herted / slydynge of corage.
But trewely I kan not telle here age. 826

(119)

And Troylus wel woxen was in highte. 827
And complet formed by proporcion.
So wel þat kynde it not amenden myghte.
Yong / fresche / strong / and hardy as lyon. 830
Trewe as stel in ech condicion.
On of þe beste entechede creature.
That is or shal whil þat þe world may dure. 833

(116)

¶ Criseyde men was of hire stature 806
Ther-to of shap / of face / and ek cheere
þer myght be no fairer creature
And oft tyme this was hire manere 809
To gon ytressed with hire heres clere
Doun by hire coler at hire bak by-hynde
with which a threde of gold she wold bynde 812

(117)

¶ And saue hire browes Ioyneden Ifeere 813
þar nas no lakke in ought I kan espien
But for to speken of hyre eyen clere
Loo trewely they writen þat hire syen 816
þat paradys stood formed in hire yen
And hire riche beaute euere more
Strof loue in hire / ay whiche of hem was moore 819

(118)

¶ She sobre was / ek symple and wyse wiþ alle 820
þe best y-norissed ek þat myght be
And goodely of hire speche in general
Cherytable estatliche lusty / and free / 823
Ne neuere moo ne lakked hire pyte
Tendre herted / slidynge of corage
But trewly I kan not telle hire age 826

(119)

¶ And Troilus wel woxen was in heighte 827
And complet formed by proporcioun
So wel þat kynde it nought amenden myght
Yongh fresshe / strong / and hardy as lyon 830
Trew as steele in ech condicioun
On the best entechede creature
þat is or shal / while þat þe world may dure 833

(116)

¶ Crisseyde mene was of stateure 806
And þerto schap of face & eke of chere
þare myȝte ben no fayrere creature
And ofte tyme þis was hire manere 809
To gon trussid *with* hire here clere
Doun by hire bak at hire coler be-hynde
Which *with* a þred of gol sche wolde it bynde 812

(117)

¶ And saf here browis ioynyd in fere [leaf 114] 813
þere nas no lak in ouȝt I can asspyen
But for to spekyn of hire eyȝyn clere
So trewely þey wotyn þat hire seyen 816
þat paradys stod formyd in hire eyen
And *with* hire / swich beute euere more
Strof in hire ay / which of hem were more 819

(118)

Versus Sobria simplicitas sonus pudor arida nunquam
Versus. Poscente poetas gracia fandi leuis
// Sche sobere was ek symple & stille *with*-al 820
þe beste I-norschid ek þat myȝte be
And godly of hire speche in general
Scharite abele statlyche lyȝt lusti & fre 823
Ne neueremore ne lakkede hire pete.
Tendyr herte slydyng of corage
But trewely I can not telle hire age 826

(119)

Versus Troilus in spacium surgentes explicat artus
Versus Mente gigas etate puer m[i]xxt[us]que vigore
Versus Nulli-que secundus audendo virtutis opis
// And troilus wel waxen was in hyȝte 827
And couplid formyd be proporcioun
So wel þat kynde it nouȝt a-mende myȝt care
ȝong frosch strong as lyoun 830
Trewe as stel in eche condicioun
On of þe beste entechede criature
þat is or schal whil al þe world may deure. 833

(120)

And certaynly in storye it is founde. 834
That Troylus was neuere vn-to no wight.
As in his tyme in no degre secounde.
In dorryng don þat longeth to a knyght. 837
Al myghte a Geaunt passen hym of myght.
His herte ay wiþ þe firste and wiþ þe beste.
Stod paregal / to dorre don that hym leste. 840

(121)

But for to tellen forþ of Diomede. 841
It fil þat after on þe tenþe day.
Syn þat Crisеyde out of þe Cite yede.
This Diomede as fresh as braunche in may. 844
Com to þe tente þere a[s] Calkas lay.
And feyned hym with Calkas han to doon.
But what he mente I shal yow telle soone. 847

(122)

Criseyde at shorte wordes for to telle. [leaf 105, back] 848
welcomed hym / and doun hym by here sette.
And he was ethe y-nowh to maken dwelle.
And after þis with-outen more lette. 851
The spices and þe wyn men forth hem fette.
And forth þei speke of þis and þat y-fere.
As frendes don / of which som shal ye here. 854

(123)

He gan first fallen of þe werre in speche. 855
By-twyxen hem / and þe folk of Troye toun.
And of passege he gan here ek byseche.
To telle hym what was here opynyoun. 858
Fro þat demaunde he so descendeth doun.
To aske here / yf þat here straunge þoughte.
The Grekes gyse / and werkes þat þey wroughte. 861

(120)

¶ And certainly in story it is y-founde 834
þat Troilus was neuere vn-to no wight
As in his tyme in no degre secunde
In duryng do þat longeth to a knyghte 837
Al myght a geaunt passen hym of myght
His herte ay with þe firste and with þe beste
Stod paregal to durre to do þat hym leste 840

(121)

¶ But for to tellen forth of Dyomede [leaf 87] 841
It fel þat after on þat tenthe day
Syn þat Crisеyde out of þe Cité yode
This Dyomede as fresh as braunche in may 844
Com to þe tente ther as Crisseyde lay
And feyned hym with Calkas han to doon
But what he mente I shal yow tellen soone 847

(122)

¶ Crisеyde at shorte wordes for to telle 848
welcom hym / and doun by hire hym sette
And he was ethe y-nough to maken dwelle
And after þis with-outen longe lette 851
þe spices and þe wyn men forth hym fette
And forth they speke of þis and þat yfeere
As frendes don / of whiche som shal ye here 854

(123)

¶ He gan firste to fallen of þe werre in speche 855
By-twyxen hem / and þe folk of Troye toun
And of thassege he gan hire ek be-seche
To telle him what was hire opynyoun 858
Fro þat demaunde he so descendeth doun
To axen hire / if þat hire straunge thought
þe grekis gyse / and werkes þat they wroughte 861

(120)

¶ And serteynly in storí as it is founde 834
þat Troilus was neuere on-to no wyght
As in his tyme in no degre secounde
In doryngе to do þat longith to a knyght 837
Al myght a geaunt passyn hym of myght
His herte as with þe ferste & with þ[e] beste
Stod to [1]dore don / what hym leste.[1] [1—1 corrector] 840

(121)

¶ But for to telle forth of diomede [leaf 114, back] 841
It fel þat aftyr on þe tenthe day
Syn Crisseyde out of þe cete yede
þis diome[de] as ffresch as rose in may 844
Come to þe tente þere as calcas lay
And fynede hym with Calcas to haue to done
But what he mente I schal 3ow telle sone 847

(122)

// Crisseyde at schorte wordis for to telle 848
Welcomede hym & doun by hire sette
And as he ofte I-now to mowe dwelle
And aftyr þis wof longe lette 851
þe spicis & þe wyn men forth hem fette
And forþ þey spekyn of þis & þat in fere
As frendys don of which som schal 3e here 854

(123)

¶ He gan fyrst fallyn of þe werre in speche 855
Be-twene hem & þe folk of troye toun
And of [2]passage he gan hyre ek be-seche [2 n. for p.]
To telle hym what was his opynyoun 858
ffrom þat demaunde he forth dissendiþ doun
To axen hire 3if þat hire straunge þoust
þe grekys gise & werkys þat þey wrouȝt 861

(124)

And whi-here fader tarieth so longe. 862
To wedden here vn-to som worthi wight.
Crisеyde þat was in hire peynes stronge.
For loue of Troylus here owene knyght. 865
As fer forth as she konnynge hadde or myght.
Answered hym þo / but as of his entente.
It semed not she wist[e] what he mente. 868

(125)

But nafeles þis ilke Diomede. 869
Gan in hym self assure & þus he seyde.
If ich a-right haue taken of yow hede.
Me þenketh þus .o. lady myn Criseyde. 872
That syn .I. first hond on youre brydel leyde.
Whan ye out come of Troye by þe morwe.
Ne koude I neuere sen yow but in sorwe. 875

(126)

Kan I not seyn what may þe cause be. 876
But if for loue of som Troian it were.
The which right sore wolde a-þynken me.
That ye for ony wight þat dwelleth here. 879
Sholde spille a quarter of a tere.
Or pitously youre-seluen so bygile.
For drédles it is nought worth þe while. 882

(127)

The folk of Troye as who seyth alle and some. [leaf 108] 883
In preson ben / as ye youre-seluen see.
Fro þen[ne]s shal not oon on lyue come.
For al þe gold by-twixen sonne and se. 886
Trusteth wel / and vnderstondeth me.
Ther shal not on to mercy gon on lyue.
Al were he lord of worldes twyes fyue. 889

(124)

¶ And whi-hire fader tarieth so longe 862
To wedden hire / vn-to som worthy wighte
Crisede þat was in hire peynes stronge
For loue of Troilus-hire swene kynghte 865
As fer forthe as she konnynge hadde or myght
Answerde hym tho / but as of his entente
It semed not she wiste what he mente 868

(125)

¶ But natheles this ilke Dyomede 869
Gan in hym self asseure / and thus he seyde
If ich arighte haue taken of 3ow hede
Me thynketh this o lady myn Crisseyde 872
þat syn I firste honde on 3ours bridel layde
when 3e out com of Troye by þe morwe
Ne koude I neuere sen 3ow but in sorwe 875

(126)

¶ Kan I not'seyn /-what may þe cause be 876
But if for loue of som Troyan it were
þe which right'sore wolde a-thynken me
þat 3e for any wighte þat dwelleth there 879
Sholden spille a quarter of a teere
Or pitously 3oure-seluen so bygile
For dredeles it is nought worth-the while 882

(127)

¶ The folk of Troye as who seith alle and some [leaf 97, back] 883
In prison ben / as 3e 3oure-seluen see
For thennes shal not oon on lyue come
For al þe gold atwixen sonne and see 886
Trusteth wel and vnderstondeth me
þer shal not oon to mercy gon on lyue
Al were he lord of worldeles twyes fyue 889

(124)

// And whi-here fadir tarieþ so longe 862
To weddyn hire to sum worþi wiȝt
Crisseide þat was in here peynys stronge
for-loue of Troilus hyre owene knyt 865
As fer forth as [s]he knowynge hadde or myȝt
Answerede hym but of his entent
It semede not what he ment 868

(125)

¶ But neuer þe les þis ilke diomede 869
Gan hym selue answere & þus he seyde
ȝif I aryȝt haue takyn of ȝow hede
Me þynkiþ þis o ladi myn crisseyde 872
þat syn I fyrst hond on ȝoure brydil leyde
Whan he out of troye come to þe morwe
Ne coude I neuere se ȝow but in sorwe 875

(126)

¶ Can I not sen what may þe cause ben [leaf 115] 876
But ȝif for loue of som Troyan it were
þe whiche ryȝt sore wolde a-þynkyn me
þat ȝe for ony wiȝt þat dwellyn here 879
Scholde spille a quarter of a tere
[*No gap in the MS.*]
for dredeles it nys not worth þ' while 882

(127)

for folk of troye as wis sithe alle an som 883
In presoun ben as ȝe ȝoure seluyn se
Nor þens schal not on on lyue comyn
for al þe good be-twixe sunne & se 886
Trostiþ wel & vndirstondiþ me
þere schal not on for mercy gon on lyue
Al were he lord of worldis twyis fyue. 889

(128)

Swych wreche on hem for fecchyng of Eleyne. 890
Ther shal be take / er þat we hen[ne]s wende.
That Manes which þat goddes ben of peyne.
Shal ben agast / þat Grekes wol hem shende. 893
And men shul drede vn-to þe worldes ende.
From hen[ne]s forth þe rauesshynge of a queene.
So cruel shal our wreche on hem ben sene. 896

(129)

And but yf Calkas lede vs with ambages. 897
That is to seyn with dowble wordes sleye.
Swich as men clepe a word with two visages.
Ye shul wel knowen þat I nought ne lye. 900
And al þis þing right sen it with youre ye.
And þat a-noon ye nyl not trowe how soone.
Now taketh heed for it is for to done. 903

(130)

What wene ye youre wyse fader wolde. 904
Han yeuen Antenor for yow anoon.
If he ne wiste þat þe Cite sholde.
Destroyed ben / whi nay so mote I gon. 907
He knew ful wel þer shal not skapen on.
That Troian is / and for þe gre[te] fere.
He dorste not ye dwelte lengere þere. 910

(131)

What wole ye more lufsom lady dere. 911
Lat Troye an Troian fro youre herte pace.
Dryf out þat bittre hope and make good chere.
And clepe a-yen þe beaute of youre face. 914
That ye with salte terys so deface.
For Troye is brough in swych a Iupartie.
That it to saue is now no remedye. 917

(128)

¶ Swich wreche on hem for fecchynge of Eleyne 890
þer shal ben take er þat we hennes wende
þat manes which þat goddes ben of pyne
Shal ben agaste þat grekes wol hem shende 893
And men shul drede vn-to þe worldes ende
From hennes forth to rauysshen any queene
So cruel shal our wreche on hem be seene 896

(129)

¶ And but if Calkas lede vs with ambages 897
þat is to seyn with dowble wordes sleye
Swich as men clepe a worde with two visages
Ze shal wel knowen þat I nought ne lye 900
And al this thynge right syn it *with* ȝoure ye
And þat anoon / ȝe nyl not trow how soone
Now taketh hede / for it is for to doone 903

(130)

¶ what wene ȝe ȝoure wyse fader wolde 904
Haue ȝeuen antenor for ȝow o-noon
If he ne wiste þat þe Cite sholde
Destrued ben / why nay so mot I gon 907
He knewe ful wel ther not scapen oon
þat Troian is / and for þe grete feere
he dorst not ȝe dwelt longer there 910

(131)

¶ What wol ȝe moore lufsom lady deere 911
Late Troye and Troian fro ȝoure herte pace
Dryue oute þat bittre hope and make goode shere
And clepe aȝein þe beaute of ȝoure face 914
þat ȝe *with* salt teeris so deface
For Troye is brought in swich a Iupartye
þat it to saue is now no remedye 917

(128)

¶ Swich fechyng [1]hom of Eleyne[1] [1—1 corrected] 890
þere schal be take er þan we henys wynde
þat mannes which þat goddis ben of peyne
Schal ben a-gast þat grekys *wil hem* sende 893
And men schul drede vnto þe worldis ende
from henys forþ to rauych ony quene
So crewel schal oure wreche on hem ben sene. 896

(129)

// And but ȝif Calcas lede vs *with* a[*m*]bages 897
þat is to seyne *with* doubele wordis slye
Which as men clepe a word *with* twey vesagis
Ze schal wel knowe þat I not lye 900
And al þis þyng ryȝt sen it *with* ȝoure eye
And þat a-non ȝe nyl not trowe how sone
Now takyth hed for it nys not to done 903

(130)

¶ What wene ȝe þat ȝoure fadir wolde 904
Haue ȝouyn antenore for ȝow a-non
ȝif he ne woste þat þe cete schulde
Distroyed ben whi nay so mote I gon 907
He knew ful wel þere scal not schappyn on
þat Troyan is & for þe grete fere
He durste ȝow leto / no lengere dwelle þere 910

(131)

¶ What wele ȝe more louesum ladi dere [leaf 115, back] 911
Lat troye & troyan oute of ȝoure herte pase
Drif out þat bittir hope & make good chere
And clepe a-ȝen þe beute of ȝoure face 914
þat ȝe *with* salte teris so deface [2]yow heere[2] [2—2 by corrector]
for Troye is brouȝt in swich a iupardi
þat is to seyne is now no remedy 917

(132)

And þenketh wel ye shal in Grekes fynde. [leaf 106, back] 918
A more parfit loue er it be nyght.
Than ony Troian is & more kynde.
And bet to seruen yow wol don his myght. 921
And yf ye vouche sauf my lady bryght.
I. wol ben he to seruen yow my selue.
Ye leuere þan þe lord of Greces twelue. 924

(133)

And with þat word he gan to waxen red. 925
And in his speche a litel wight he quok.
And cast a litel wight a-syde his hed.
And stynte a while / and afterward a-wook. 928
And sobrelych on here he þrew his look.
And seyde I am al be it yow no Ioye.
As gentil man as ony wight in Troye. 931

(134)

For yf my fader Tideus he seide. 932
I-lyued hadde / .I. hadde ben er þis.
O. Calydoyne and arge / a kyng Criseyde.
And so hope I / þat I shal yet y-wys. 935
But he was slayn / allas þe more harm is.
Vn-happyly at Thebes al to raþe.
Polymyte and many a man to skathe. 938

(135)

But herte myn / syn þat I am youre man. 939
And ben þe ferste of whom .I. seche grace.
To seruen you as hertely as I kan.
And euere I shal whil I to lyuen haue space. 942
So er þat I departe out of þis place.
Ye wol me graunte þat I may to morwe.
At bettre leyser tel[len] yow my sorwe. 945

(132)

¶ And thenketh wel ȝe shal in grekes fynde 918
A moore parfite loue / or it be nyght
Thanne any Troian is / and moore kynde
And bet to seruen ȝow wol don his myght 921
And if ȝe vowche saufe my lady bryghte
I wol ben he to seruen ȝow me-selfue
Ȝe leuere þan ben a lord of grekes Twelue 924

(133)

¶ And with þat worde he gan to wexen rede [leaf 88] 925
And in his speche a litel wight he quooke
And caste a-side a litel wight his hed
And stynte a while / and efter-warde he wooke 928
And sobreliche on hire he threw his looke
and seyde I am / al be it ȝow no Ioye
As gentil man / as any wighte in Troie 931

(134)

¶ For if my fader Tydeus he seyde 932
Yliued hadde / ich hadde ben or this
Of Calidoyne and arge a kyng Criseyde
And so hope I þat I shal ȝit ywys 935
But he was slayne allas þe moore harme is
Vnhapplye at Thebes al to rathe
Polymyte and many a man to scathe 938

(135)

¶ But herte myn syn þat I am ȝoure man 939
And ben þe firste / of whom I seche grace
To serue ȝow as hertly as I kan
And euere shal. while I to lyue haue space 942
So er þat I departe out of þis place
Ȝe wol me graunte þat I may to morwe
At better layser telle ȝow my sorwe 945

(132)

// And þynkiþ wel ȝe schal in grekys fynde 918
A more parfyȝt loue or be myȝt
Þan ony troyan is & more kynde
And bet to seruyn ȝow wele don his myȝt 921
I wele ben he to seruyn ȝow myn selleue 923 [line 922 is wanting in the MS.]
Ȝa leuere þan ben kyng of grecis .vij. 924
[*A blank line in the MS.*]

(133)

¶ And with þat word he gan to wexen red 925
And in his speche a lityl he quok
And caste a-syde a lite with his hed
And stynte a while & aftyrward a-wok 928
And sobirly on hire dede þrowe his lok
And seyde I am al be it to ȝow no ioye
As gentil man as ony wyt in troye 931

(134)

// ffor ȝif myn fadyr Thedeus he seyde 932
I-leuid hadde I hadde ben er þis
Of al calidrion & arge a kyng Crisseide
And so I hope & þat I schal I-wis 935
But he was slain allas more harm is
Vnhappi at Thedes al to rathe
Polymyȝt & many man al to skaþe 938

(135)

¶ But herte myn syn I am ȝoure man 939
And ben þe fyrste of whom I seche grace
And serue ȝow as hertely as I can
And euere schal whil myn lyf haue spase 942
So er þat I departe out of þis place
þat ȝe me grauntyþ þat I may to morwe
At bettere leyser telle ȝow al myn sorwe 945

(136)

What sholde I telle his wordes þat he seyde. 946
He spak y-now for o day at þe meste.
It preueth wel / he spak so þat Criseyde.
Graunted on þe morwe at his requeste. 949
For to speke with hym at þe leste.
So þat he nolde speke of swych matere.
And þus she to hym seyde as ȝe may here. 952

(137)

As she þat hadde here herte on Troylus. [leaf 107] 953
So faste / þat here may non it arace.
And straungely she spak and seyde þus.
O Diomede I. loue þat ilke place. 956
Ther I was born / and Ioues for his grace.
Deliuere it soone of al þat doth it care.
God for þi might so leue it wel to fare. 959

(138)

That Grekes wolde here wrappe on Troye wroke. 960
If þat þei myghte I. knowe it wel-y-wys.
But it shal not bifallen as ȝe speke.
And god to-forn / and ferþer ouer þis. 963
I wot my fader wys and redy is.
And þat he me hath bought as ȝe me tolde.
So dere / I am þe more vn-to hym holde. 966

(139)

That Grekes ben of heigh condicion. 967
I wot ek wel / but certeyn men shal fynde.
As worþi folk with-Inne Troye town.
As konnyng / as parfit / and as kynde. 970
As ben bi-twyxen Orcades an Inde.
And þat ȝe koude wel youre lady serue.
I trowe ek wel hire þank for to deserue. 973

(136)

¶ What sholde I telle hise wordes þat he seyde 946
He spake I-nowgh for a day atte meeste
It preuet wel / he spak so þat Criseyde
Graunted on þe morwe at his requeste 949
For to speken with hym atte leste
So þat he nold speke of swiche matere
And þus she to hym seyde / as ȝe mow here 952

(137)

¶ As she þat hadde hire herte on Troilus 953
So faste // þat ther may it noon arace
And straungely she spak and seyde þus
O Diomede I loue þat ilke place 956
þer I was borne / and Ioues for his grace
Delyuere it soone / of alle þat doth it care
God for þi myght so lene it wel to fare 959

(138)

¶ That grekes wolde hire wrath on Troye wreke 960
If þat they myght / I know it wel ywis
But It schal nought byfallen as ȝe speke
And god to-forne / and ferther ouer this 963
I woot my fader wyse and redy is
And þat he me hath bought as ȝe me tolde
Soo deere / I am þe more vn-to hym holde 966

(139)

¶ þat grekes ben of heigh condicioun [leaf 88, back] 967
I wot ek wel but certein men shal fynde
As wory folk with-Inne Troye town
As konnynge and as parfite and as kynde 970
As ben betwyxen Orcades and Inde
And þat ȝe koude wele ȝoure lady serue
I trow ek wel hire thenke for to deserue 973

(136)

¶ What schulde I telle þe wordis & þ* sorwe [leaf 118] 9
He spak I-now for on day at þ* meste
It preuyth he spak so þat Crisseyde
Graunted on þe morwe at his requeste 9
ffor to speke with hym at þe leste
So þat he nolde speke of swich matere
And þus sche seyde to hym as ȝe schul here 9

(137)

AS sche þat hire herte on troilus 95
So faste hadde set þat here myȝt non arase
And straungely sche spak & seyde þus
O Diomede I loue þat ilke place 95
þere I was born & ione for his grace
Deliuere it sone of alle þat don it care
God for þyn myȝt so lene it wel to fare 95

(138)

¶ þat grekis wolde hire wrothe[1] on troye wreke 9
ȝif þat þey myȝte I knowe it wel I-wis [1 r, late
But I[t] schal not be-fallyn þat ȝe speke
And god to-forn & ferþere ouer þis 96
I wot myn fadir wis & redi is
And he me hap bouȝt as ȝe me tolde
So dere I am þe more to hym holde 96

(139)

¶ Grekis ben of[2] hey condicioun [2 of, over hire, later] 96
I wot ek wel but sertein men schal fynde
As worþi folk with-inne troye toun
As cunnyng as parfit & as kynde 97
As ben be twene orchades & ynde
And þat ȝe coupe wel ȝoure ladi serue
I trowe it wel hire þank for to deserue 97

(140)

But as to speke of loue y-wys she seyde.
I hadde a lord to whom I wedded was.
The whos myn hert al was til pat he deyde.
And oper loue as helpe me here Pallas.
Ther in myn herte nys / ne neuere was.
And pat ye ben of noble and heigh kynrede.
I have wel herd it tellen out of drede.

(141)

And pat doth me to han so gret a wonder.
That ye wole scornen ony womman so.
Ek god wot loue and I be fer a-sonder.
I am disposed bet so mot I go.
Vn-to my deth to pleyne and maken wo.
What I shal after done .I. kan not seye.
But trewely as yet me lyst not to pleye.

(142)

Myn herte is now yn tribulacion. [leaf 107, back]
And ye in armes ben day by day.
Here-after whan ye wonnen han pe town.
Parauntre panne so it happen may.
That whan I se pat I neuere er say.
Than wole I werke pat I neuere wroughte.
This word to yow y-nough suffisen oughte.

(143)

To morwe ek wole .I. speke with yow fayn.
So pat ye touchen nought of pis matere.
And whan yow lyst / ye may com here a-yeyn.
And er ye gon pus muche I seye yow here.
As helpe me Pallas with heres clere.
If pat I sholde of any Grek han roupe.
It shulde be youre-selven by my roupe.

(140)

¶ But as to speke of loue I-wis she seyde
I had a lord to whom I wedded was
The whos myn herte al was til pat he sayde
And other loue as help me now pallas
Ther in myn herte nys ne neuere was
And pat ye ben of noble and heigh kynrede
I haue wel now herd it tellen out of drede

(141)

¶ And pat doth me to han so grete a wonnder
That ye wol scornen any womman so
Ek god woot loue and I ben fer a sonder
I am disposed but so mot I go
Vn-to my deth to pleyne and maken wo
what I shal efter don I kan not seye
But trewlich as yet me luste not pley

(142)

¶ Myn herte is now in tribulacion
And ye in armes bysi day and day
Here-efter when ye wonnen han pe town
Parauntre than so it happen may
pat whanne I se pat I neuere er say
Thanne wol I werk pat I neuere wroghte
pis word to yow ynough suffisen oughte

(143)

¶ To morwe ek wol I speke with yow fayne
So pat ye touchen nought of pis matere
And when yow luste ye may com here ageyne
And er ye gon thus muche I seye yow here
As helpe me pallas with hire eres clere
If pat I sholde of any greke han routhe
It shold be youre-selven be my trouthe

(140)

¶ But as ye speke of loue I-wis sche seyde
I hadde a lord to whom I weddid was
Whos myn herte was tyl pat he deyede
And oper loue as helpe me now Pallas
pere in myn herte nys ne neuere nas
And pat ye ben of nobil & hy kenrede
I haue wel herd it telle out of drede

(141)

¶ And don me han so gret a wondir [leaf 118, back]
pat ye wele scornyn ony woman so
Ek good loue & I / ben fer a sundir
I am disposed bet so mote I go
Vn-to myn dep to playnyn & make wo
What I schal afterr don can I not say
But trewely as 3it lyste me no play

(142)

¶ Myn herte is now in tribulacioun
And ye in armys besi day be day
Here-afterr whan ye wonyn haue pe toun
Parauenture panne so it happyn may
pat whanne I se / pat neuere 3it ne say
panne wil I werke pat I neuere ne wrouste
pis is word I-now for 3ow / suffisep it nouȝt

(143)

¶ To morwe wele I ek speke with 3ow fayn
So pat ye touche not of pis matere
And whan ye leste ye may come ageyn
And er ye gon pus meche I seye 3ow here
As helpe me pallas with hire eyen clere
pat 3if I schulde of ony grek han[1] reuthe [[1] h, corrected]
It schulde be 3oure sylf be myn reuthe

(144)

I sey not þerfore þat I wol yow loue. 1002
Ne sey not nay / but in conclusion.
I mene wel by god þat sit a-boue.
And þer-with she cast here ey down. 1005
And gan to syke & seyde .o. Troylus & Troye town.
Yet bidde I god in quiete and in reste.
I may yow sen / or do myn herte breste. 1008

(145)

But in effect and shortly for to seye. 1009
This Diomede as fresshly newe a-yen.
Gan presen on / and faste here mercy preye.
And after þis þe soþe for to seyn. 1012
Here gloue he tok of wich he was ful fayn.
And fynally whan it was woxen eeue.
And al was wel / he ros and tok his leeue. 1015

(146)

The bryghte Venus folewede and ay taughte. 1016
The wey / there brode Phebus doun a-lighte.
And Cynthea here charhors ouer raughte.
To whirle out of þe lyon yf she myghte. 1019
And sygnyfer his candeles shewed bryghte.
when þat Criseyde vn-to here bedde wente.
In-with here fadres faire bryghte tente. 1022

(147)

Retornyng in here soule ay vp and doun. [leaf 106] 1023
The wordes of þis sodeyn Diomede.
His gret estat and peril of þe toun.
And þat she was allone & hadde nede. 1026
Of frendes help / and þus by-gan to brede.
The cause whi þe soþe for to telle.
That sche tok fully purpos for to dwelle. 1029

(144)

¶ I say not þer-fore þat I wol ȝow loue 1002
Ny say not nay but in conclusioun
I mene wele by god that sitt a-boue
And þer-with-al she caste hire eyen down 1005
And gan to syke and seyde o Troilus town
Ȝit bid I god in quiete and in reste
I may ȝow sen or do myn herte breste 1008

(145)

¶ But in affect and shortly for to seyne [leaf 89] 1009
þis Diomede alle fresshly newe aȝein
Gan presen on and fast hyre mercy preye
And efter þis the soth for to seyne 1012
Hire gloue he toke of wiche he was ful fayne
And finaly when it was woxen eue
And alle was wel / he roos and tooke his leue 1015

(146)

þe bright venus folwed and ay taughte 1016
þe wey Ther brode Phebus doun a-lighte
And Cynthea hire char hors ouer raughte
To whirle out of þe leon if she myghte 1019
And signifer his candels sheweth brighte
when þat Criseyde vn-to hire bedde wente
In-with hire fadres faire bryghte tente 1022

(147)

¶ Retournynge in hir soule ay vp and doun 1023
þe wordes of þis sodeyn diomede
his grete estate and peril of the town
And þat she was allon and hadde nede 1026
Of frendes help and þus bygan to brede
þe cause whi þe soth for to telle
þat sche tok fully þe purpos for to dwelle 1029

(144)

¶ I sey not þerfore þat I wele ȝow loue 1
Ne I sey not nay but in conclusioun
I mene wel bi god þat sit a-boue.
And þerwithal sche cast hire eyȝyn doun 1
And gan to sike & seyde o troye toun
Ȝit bidde I god / in quyete & in reste
I may þe sen / or do myn herte breste 1

(145)

¶ But in effect & soþli for to seyen 1
þis diome[de] al newely now a-ȝen
Gan [1]mersi presyn here to preye[1] [1—1 by corre
But aftyr þis þ^e soþe for to seyn 1
Hire gloue he tok of whiche he was ful fayn
And fynally whan it was waxen eue
And al was wel he ros & tok his leue 1

(146)

¶ THe bryȝte Venus folwede ay & tauȝte [leaf 117] 1
þe way / þe brode phebus doun a-lyȝte
And synthea hire char hors ouer rauȝte
To whirle out of þe lyoun ȝif sche myȝte 1
And signifer hire candelis schewede bryȝt
Whan þat Cresseyde vn-to hire reste went
With-inne hire faderis fayre bryȝte tent 1

(147)

// Returnynge in hire soule vp & doun 1
þe wordis of þis sodeyn diomede
His grete estat & peril of þe toun
And þat sche was a-lone & hadde nede 1
Of frendis helpe & þus bo-gan to brede
þe causis wich soþ for to telle
þat sche tok fully purpos for to dwelle 1

(148)

The morwe come / and gostly for to speke.
This Diomede is come vn-to Criseyde.
And shor[t]lyest [pat] ȝe my tales breke.
So wel for hym self he spak and seyde.
That alle here sore sykes a-doun he leyde.
And fynally þe sope for to seyne.
He reste here of þe grete of al here peyne.

(149)

And after þis the story telleth vs.
That she hym yaf þe fayre baye stede.
The which he onys wan of Troylus.
And ek a broche and þat was litel nede.
That Troylus was / she yaf þis Diomede.
And ek þe bet from sorwe hym to releue.
She made hym were a pencel of here sleue.

(150)

And tynde ek in storyes ellys where.
whan þorugh þe body hurt was Diomede.
Of Troylus / þo wepte she many a tere.
whan þat she saugh his wyde wowndes blede.
And þat she tok to [kepen] hym good hede.
And for to helen hym of his sorwes smerte.
Men seyn I not þat she yaf hym here herte.

(151)

But trewely þe story telleth vs.
Ther made neuere woman more wo.
Than she / whan þat she falsede Troylus.
She seyde allas / for now is clene a-go.
My name of trouþe in loue for euere mo.
For I haue falsede on þe gentileste
Thas euere was and on þe worþyeste.

(148)

¶ The morwen com and gostly for to speke
þis Diomede is com vn-to Criseyde
And shortly liste þat ȝe my tale
So wel he for hym self spake and seyde
þat alle hire sykes soore adown he layde
And finaly þe sothe for to seyne
He ref hire of þe grete of al hire peyne

(149)

¶ And efter þis þe storye telle vs
þat she him ȝaf þe faire bay steede
The whiche he ones wan of Troilus
And eke a broch and þat was litel nede
That Troilus was / she ȝaf þis Diomede
And ek þe bet from sorw hym to releue
She made hym were a pensel of hire sleue

(150)

¶ I fynde ek in þe stories alles where
when thorugh þe body hirte was Dyomede
Of Troilus / þo wepte she many a teere
When þat she saugh hise wyde woundes blede
And þat she toke to kepen hym good hede
And for to helen hym of his sorwes smerte
Men seyn I not þat she ȝaf hym hire herte

(151)

¶ But trewelyche the storye telleth vs [leaf 89, back]
Ther made neuere *woman* more wo
Than she when þat she falsed Troylus
She allas for now is clene ago
My name of trouthe in loue for euere mo
For I haue falsed oon the gentileste
þat euere was / and oon the worthyeste

(148)

¶ þe morwe com & gostly for to speke
þis diomede is comyn to Crisseyde
And schortly lest þat sche myn tale breke
So wel for hymself he spak & seyde
þat alle hire sikis sore doun he leyde
And finally þe sope for to seyn
He reuyth hire þe grete of al hire peyn

(149)

// And aftyr þis þe story tellyth þus
þat he hire ȝaf þ[e] fayre baye stede
þe whiche he onys wan of Troylus
A-gen a broche þat was lityl nede
þat Troilus[1] was / sche ȝaf þis diomede [1 o, later]
An þe bet of sorwe / him to releue
Sche made hym to were a pensel of hire sleue

(150)

¶ I fynde ek in storyies eH where
þat þour þe body gert was diomede
Of Troilus / þo wep. sche manye a tere
Whan þat sche saw hise wide wondis blede
And þat sche tok hym to kepe good hede
And for to hele hym / of hise sorwis smert
Men sen not þat / sche ȝaf hym hyre herte

(151)

¶ But trewely þe story tellyth þus [leaf 117, back]
þere made neuere woman more wo
þan sche whan sche falsede troilus
Sche seyde allas for now clene a-go
I mene of trouthe / for now & euere mo
ffor I haue falsed on þe gentilleste
þat euere was born & on þe worþyeste

(152)

Allas of me vn-to þe worldes ende. [leaf 108, back] 1058
Shal neyþer ben y-writen nor I-songe.
No good wood / for these bokes wol me shende.
O rolled shal I ben on many a tonge. 1061
Thorugh-ought þe world my belle shal be ronge.
And wommen most wol hate me of alle.
Allas þat swych a cas me sholde falle. 1064

(153)

Thei wol seyn in as muche as in me is. 1065
I haue hem don dishonour weylaway.
Al be I not þe firste þat dide amys.
what helpeth þat to do my blame a-wey. 1068
But syn I se þer is no bettre way.
And þat to late is now me to reye.
To Diomede algate I wol be trewe. 1071

(154)

But Troylus syn I no beter may. 1072
And syn þat þus departen ye and I.
Yet preye I god so yeue yow right good day.
As for þe gentileste trewely. 1075
That euere I say to seruen feyþfully.
And best kan ay his lady honour kepe.
And with þat word she brast-a-non to wepe. 1078

(155)

And certes yow to haten shal I neuere. 1079
And frendes loue þat shal ye han of me.
And my good word al myghty leuen euere.
And trewely I wolde sory be. 1082
For to sen yow in aduersite.
And giltles I wot wel I yow leue.
And al shal passe / and þus take I my leue. 1085

(152)

¶ Allas of me vn-to the wordes ende 1058
Shal noither ben y-writen nor y-song
No good worde / for this boks wol me shende
O rolled schal I ben on many a tonge 1061
Thorugh-out þe wold my bel schal be ronge
And wommen most wol haten me of alle
Allas þat swich a cas me sholde falle 1064

(153)

¶ They wol seyn in as muche as in me is 1065
I haue hem don deshonoure walaway
Al be I not þe firste þat dide amys
what helpeth þat to don my blame away 1068
But syn I se þer is no better way
And þat to late is now for me to rewe
To dyomede algate I wol be trewe 1071

(154)

¶ But Troilus syn I no bettre may 1072
And syn þat þus departen ȝe and I
Ȝet preye god so ȝeue ȝow right good day
As for þe gentileste trewely 1075
Þat euere y say to seruen faithfully
And beste kan ay his honour kepe
And witht þat word she brast anon to wepe 1078

(155)

¶ And certes ȝow to haten shal I neuere 1079
And frendes loue / þat shal ȝe han of me
And my good worde / al shold I lyue euere
And trewly I wol sory be 1082
For to sen ȝow in aduersite
And giltelees I wot wel I ȝow leeue
But alle shal passe and þus tak I my leue 1085

(152)

¶ Allas of me vn-to þe worldis ende
Schal noþer ben wretyn noþer I-songe
No good word for bokys wele me schende
On rolled schal I ben in manye a tonge 106
Þour þe world no belle schal be ronge
O wemen most / wele hatyn me of alle
Allas þat swich a cas me schulde be-falle 106

(153)

¶ Þey wele seyn in as meche as in me is 106
I haue hem don dishonour & velony
Al be I not þ' ferste þat dede a-mis
What helpith þat to don myn blame a-way 106
But syn I se þere is no betere way
And þat to late it is now for to rewe
To diomede algate I wele be trewe 107

(154)

¶ But Troilus sin I no betere may 107
And syn þat ȝe departyn þus & I
Ȝit preye I god so ȝeue ȝou god day
As for þe gentilleste trewely 107
Þat euere I say to serue feyithfully
And best can ay his honour wel kepe
And with þat word sche brast on for to wepe 107

(155)

¶ And sertis ȝow ne hatyn schal I neuere 107
And frendis loue þat I schal haue of me
And myn godde word al myȝty leuyn euere
And trewely I wolde sory be 108
ffor to se ȝow in aduersite
And giltelees I wot I ȝow leue
But al schal passe & þus take I myn leue 108

(156)

But trewely / how longe it was by-twene. 1086
That she for-sok hym for his Diomede.
Ther is noon auctor telleth it I wene.
Tak euery man now to hise bokes hede. 1089
He shal no terme fynd out of drede.
For pough he gan to wowe here soone.
Er he here wan / yet was pere more to done. 1092

(157)

Ne me ne lyst pis sely womman chyde. 1093
Forpere pan pis story wol deuyse.
Here name allas is punyshed so wyde
That for here gilt it out I-now suffise. 1096
And yf I myght excuse here ony wyse.
For she sory was for here vntrouthe.
I-wys I. wolde excuse here yet for routhe. 1099

(158)

This Troylus as I by-forn haue tolde. 1100
Thus dryueth forth as wel as he hath myght.
But often was his herte hot and cold.
And namely pat ilke nynpe nyght. 1103
which on pe morwe she hadde hym bythight.
To come a-yeyn / god wot ful litel reste.
Haddo he pat nyght / no ping to slepe hym leste. 1106

(159)

The laurer crowned / Phebus with his hete. 1107
Gan yn his course ay vpward as he wente.
To warmen of pe Est See pe wawes wete.
And Nisus doughter song with freesh entente. 1110
whan Troylus his pandare after sente.
And on pe walles of pe toun pey pleyde.
To loke if pey kan sen ought [of] Criseyde. 1113

(156)

¶ But trewly how longe it was betweyne 1086
pat she forsoke hym for this Dyomede
Ther is non auctour telleth it I wene
Tak euery man now to his bokes hede 1089
He shal no terme fyndeu out of drede
For though pat he bigan to wow hire soone
Er he hire wan 3et was there more to doone 1092

(157)

¶ Ne me ne list this sely womman chyde [harley] 1093
For-ther panne the storie wol deuyse
Hire name allas is punyshed so wyde
That for hire gilte it ought y-nough suffise 1096
And if I myght excuse hire any wyse
For she sory was for vntrouthe
I-wis I wold excuse hire 3et for routhe 1099

(158)

¶ This Troilus I before haue told 1100
pus dryueth forth as wel as he hathe myght
But oft was his herte hote and colde
And namely pat ilke nynthe nyght 1103
whiche on pe morwe she hadde hym by-hight
To com a3eyn god woot ful litel reste
hadde he pat nyght no thynge to slepe hym liste 1106

(159)

¶ The laurer-crowned phebus with his hete 1107
Gan in his cours ay vpwarde as he wente
To war rhen of pe est se pe wawes wete
And nysus doughter song with fressh entento 1110
When Troilus his Pandare after sente
And on pe walles of pe town pei pleyde
To loke if they kan sen ought of Criseyde 1113

(156)

¶ But trewely longe it was be-twene [harl 115] 1086
pat sche for-sok him for pis diomede
pere nyis non autour tellyp it I wene
Take euery man now to hise bokys hede 1089
He schal non terme fynde out of drede
But pow he gan to wowe hire sone
Or he hire wan 3it was pere more to done 1092

(157)

¶ Ne me ne leste pis sely woman chide 1093
fferpere pan p' story wel deuyse
Hire name allas is ponschede to wyde
pat for hire gilt it auste I-now suffyse 1096
And 3if I myste excuse hire ony wise
ffor sche so sory was for hire entreuthe
I-wis I wilde excuse hire for reuthe 1099

(158)

¶ This Troilus as I be-fore haue told 1100
pis drieth as wel as he hap myst
But ofte was his herte hot & cold
And namely pat ilke tenthe nyst 1103
Which on pe morwe schu hap hym be-hyst
To comyn ayn god wot ful litil reste
Hadde he pat nyst no pyng to slepe hym leste 1106

(159)

¶ pe laurer crounede phebus with his hete 1107
Gan in his cours vpward whan he went
To warmyn of pe est pe wall wete
And nysus is doustyr song with frosch entent 1110
Whan Troilus aftyr his pandarus sent
And on pe wal of pe toun pey pleyede
To loke 3if he can out sen of Crisseyde 1113

(160)

Til it was noone þei stoden for to se. 1114
who þat þer come / and euery maner wight.
That kam fro fer / þeisseyden it was she.
Til þat þei koude knowen hym a-right. 1117
Now was here herte dul / now was it light.
And thus by-Iaped stonden for to stare.
A-boute nought þis Troylus and Pandare. 1120

(161)

To Pandarus þis Troylus þo seyde. 1121
For ought .I. wot by-for noon sykerly.
In-to þis town ne cometh nought Criseyde.
She hath y-now to done hardyly. 1124
To twynnen from hire fader so trowe .I.
Here olde fader wole yet make here dyne.
Er that she go / god yeue hys herte pyne. 1127

(162)

Pandare answered it may wel be certeyn. [leaf 109, back] 1128
And for-þi lat vs dyne / .I. þe byseche.
And after noon þanne mayst þou come a-yen.
And hom þei go / wiþ-oute more speche. 1131
And comen a-yen but longe may þey seche.
Er þat þei fynde þat þei after cape.
Fortune hem boþe þenketh for to Iape. 1134

(163)

Quod Troylus I se wel now þat she. 1135
Is taried with here olde fader so.
That er she come it wol neygh euen be.
Come forth .I. wole vn-to þe yate go. 1138
This porterys ben vnkonnynge euere-mo.
And I wol don hem holde vp þe yate.
As nought ne were al-þough she come late. 1141

(160)

¶ Til it was none they stood for to se 1114
who ther come and euery manere wight
þat com fro fer they seyden it was she
Til þat thei koude knowen hym aright 1117
Now was his herte dul / now was it light
And thus bi-Iaped stonden for to starei
Aboute nought this Troilus and Pandare 1120

(161)

¶ To Pandarus This Troilus tho seyde 1121
For ought I woot by-for noon sykerly
In to þis town ne cometh not here Criseide
She hath y-nough to don hardily 1124
To wynnen from hire fader so trow I
Hire olde fader wol ȝet make hire dyne
Er þat she go. god ȝeue his herte pyne 1127

(162)

¶ Pandare answarde it may wel be certein 1128
And for-thy lat vs dyne I the beseche
And after noon than mai-tow com Aȝein
And hom they go with-outen moore speche 1131
And comen aȝein / but longe may they seche
Er þat thei fynde þat they efter cape
Fortune hem both thenketh for to Iape 1134

(163)

¶ Quod Troilus I se wel now that she [leaf 99, back] 1135
Is taried with hire olde fader so
þat er she come it wol neigh euen be
Come forth I wol vnto ȝe ȝate go 1138
Thise portours ben vnkonnynge euere mo
And I wol don hem holden vp the ȝate
As nought ne were al-though she come late 1141

(160)

¶ Til it was non þey stode for to se 1
Who þat þere come & euery maner wyȝt
þat come from for þey seydyn it was sche
Til þat þey coude knowyn hym a-ryȝt 1
Now was his herte dul now was it lyȝt
And þus beiapid stodeþey for to stare
Aboute nouȝt Troylus & Pandare 1

(161)

¶ To Pandarus þis Troilus þus seyde [leaf 118, back] 1
ffor ouȝt I wot bi-fore non sikirly
In-to þis toun ne comyth not Crisseyde
Sche haþ I-now to done hardily 1
To wyndyn from hire fadir so trowe I
Hire olde fadir wele makyn hire dyne
Er þan sche go god ȝif his herte pyne 1

(162)

// Pandarus answerde it may wel ben sertoyn 1
ffor-þi lat vs dyne & þe be-seche
And aftyr non þanne mayst þou comyn a-ȝen
And hom þey gon with-outyn more speche 1
And comyn a-geyn but longe may þey seche
Er þat þey fynde þat þey aftyr gape
ffortune hem boþe þynkyþ for to iape 1

(163)

¶ Quod Troilus I se wel now þat sche 1
Is taried with hire olde fadyr so [leaf 100, back]
Er þan sche come it wele ner euyn be
Come forþ I wele vn-to þe ȝate go 1
þese porterys ben vncunnynge euere mo
And I wele don hem holdyn vp þe ȝate
as nouȝt ne were ȝif þat sche come late 1

(164)

The day goth faste / and after þat come eeue. 1142
And yet com nought to Troylus Criseyde.
He loketh forth by hegge / by tree / by greue
And fer his hed ouer þe wal he leyde. 1145
And at þe laste he torned hym and seyde.
By god I wot his menynge now Pandare.
Almost y-wys al newe was my care. 1148

(165)

Now doutcles þis lady kan here good. 1149
I. wot she meneth ryden pryuely.
I. comende hire wysdom by myn hood.
She wol not maken peple nicely. 1152
Gaure on here whan þat she comth / but softely.
By nyghte in to þe toun / she þenketh ryde.
And dere broþer þenk not to longe to abyde. 1155

(166)

We han not ellys to don y-wys. 1156
And Pandarus / now woltow trowen me.
Haue here my trouþe I se here / yond she is.
Heue vp þyn eyen man / maystow not se. 1159
Pandare answerede / nay so mot I þe.
Al wrong by god what seystow man wher arte.
That I se yond nys but a fare carte. 1162

(167)

Allas þow seist right soth quod Troylus. [leaf 116] 1163
But hardely it is not al for nought.
That in myn herte I now reioyse þus.
It is a-yen som good I haue a-þought. 1166
Not I not how / but syn þat I was wrought.
Ne felt I swich a confort dar I seye.
She comth to nyght / my lyf þat dorste I leye. 1169

(164)

¶ The day goth fast and efter þat cometh eue 1142
And ȝet com nought To Troilus Criseyde
He loketh forth by hegg by tre by greue
And fer his hed ouer þe walle he layde 1145
And at þe laste he torned hym and seyde
By god I wot hire menynge now pandare
Al-moost I-wys al new is my care 1148

(165)

¶ Now doutcles this lady kan hire good 1149
I wote she meneth riden priuely
I comende hire wysdom by myn hode 1151
She wol not maken peple nycely [1 *overline* but *here*: ? *later*]
Gaure on hire when þat she comth[1] softly
By nyght in to the town she thenketh ride
And dere brother thenke not longe tabide 1155

(166)

¶ We han nought elles for to don I-wys 1156
And Pandarus now woltow trowen me
Haue here my trouthe I se hire ȝonde she is
Heue vp thyn eyen man maistow not se 1159
Pandare answerde nay so moot I the
Al wronge by god what seistow man wher arte
þat I se ȝond is but a fare carte 1162

(167)

¶ Allas thow seist right soth quod Troilus 1163
But hardely it is not al for nought
þat in myn herte I now reIoysse thus
It is aȝeins som good I haue a thought 1166
Not I not how / but sen þat I was wroughte
Ne felt I swich a confort dar I seye
She comth to nyght my life þat dorste I laye 1169

(164)

// þe day goþ fasto & aftyr þat comyth euene 1142
And ȝit come not to Troilus Crisseyde
He lokede forþ by hegis by treis be grene
And ouer þe wall his hed he leyde 1145
And at þe laste he turnede hym & seyde
By god I wot hire menyng pandare
Al most I-wis was now al myn care 1148

(165)

¶ Now douȝteles þis ladi can hire good 1149
I wot sche menyth to ryde priuyly
I commende hire wisdom by myn hod
Sche nyl not make þe puple nysely 1152
Gauryn on hire whan sche comyth but softely
Be nyȝt in-to þe toun sche þynkyth ryde
And dere broþer þynkith not longe to a-byde 1155

(166)

¶ We haue not ell for to done I-wis [leaf 11 1156
And Pandarus wilt þow trowe me
Haue here myn treuthe I se hire ȝondir sche is
Heue vp þynne eyȝyn man mayst þu not son 1159
Pandarus answerede nay so mote I þe
Al wrong bi god what seyst þou man where arte
þat I se ȝondir is but a fare carte 1162

(167)

Allas þou seyst ful soþ quod Troilus 1163
But hardili it is al for nouȝt
þat in myn herte I-now reioye þus
It is a-ȝen sum goode I haue a þouȝt 1166
Not I not how but syn þat I was wrouȝt
Ne felte I swiche a confort soþ to seyne
Sche comyth to nyȝt myn lyf I durste leyne 1169

(168)

Pandare answered it may be wel y-nowh. 1170
And held with hym of al þat euere he seyde.
But in his herte he þoughte and softe lough.
And to hym self ful sobrely he seyde. 1173
From haselwode þere Ioly Robyn pleyde.
Shal come al þat þat þow abydest here.
Ye fare-wel al þe snow of fern[e] yere. 1176

(169)

The wardeyn of þe yates gan to calle. 1177
The folk which þat with-oute þe yates were.
And bad hym dryuen In here bestes alle.
Or al þe nyght þey most b[l]euen þere. 1180
And fer with-Inne þe nyght with many a tere.
This Troylus gan homward for to ryde.
For wel he seth it helpeth nought tabyde. 1183

(170)

But naþeles he gladed hym yn þys. 1184
He þoughte he mysacounted hadde his day.
And seyde .I. vnderstonde haue al a-mys.
For þilke nyght .I. last Cryseyde say. 1187
She seyde .I. shal ben here yf þat I may.
Er þat þe mone .o. dere herte swete.
The Lyon passe / out of þis Ariete. 1190

(171)

For which she may yet holden al here byheste. 1191
And on þe morwe vn-to þe yate he wente.
And vp and down by west & ek by Este.
Vp on þe walles made he many a wente. 1194
But al for nought his hope alwey hym blente.
For which at nyght yn sorwe and sykes sore.
He wente hym hom with-outen ony moore. 1197

(168)

¶ Pandare answerd it may be wel ynough 1170
And helde with hym of al þat euer he seyde
But in his herte he thought and softly lough
And to hym self sobreliche he seyde 1173
From haselwodde ther Iolye robin pleyde
Shal com al þat thow abydest here
And fare wel al the snowgh of fernyere 1176

(169)

¶ The wardeyn of þe ȝates gan to calle [leaf 91] 1177
þe folk which þat with-oute þe ȝates were
And bad hem dryuen in hire bestes alle
Or al þe nyght they most bleuen there 1180
And fer wiþ-Inne nyght wiþ many a teere
This Troilus gan homwarde for to ride
For wel he seth it helpeth nought tabyde 1183

(170)

¶ But natheles he gladded hym in this 1184
He thoughte he mysacounted hadde his day
And seyde I vnderstonde I haue al amys
For þilke nyght I laste Criseyde seye 1187
She seyde I shal ben here If þat I may
Er þat þe moone o deere herte swete
The leon passe oute of this ariete 1190

(171)

¶ For which she may ȝet holde al hire biheste 1191
And on þe morwe vn-to þe ȝate he wente
And vp and down by weste and ek bi este
Vp on the walles made he many a wente 1194
But al for nought / his hope alwey hym blente
For which at nyght in sorwes and sikes sore
He wente hym home with-outen any moore 1197

(168)

¶ Pandarus answerde it may be wel I-now 117
And held with hym of al þat euere he seyde
But in his herte he þouȝte & softe low
And to hym self ful soberely he seyde 117
ffram hasil wode þere ioly robyn pleyede
Schal come al þat þow abydyst here
Ȝa farwel al þe snow of fernere 117

(169)

// þe wardeyn of þe ȝatis gan to calle 117
þe folk wich þat ouer þe ȝatis were
And bad hem driue in here bestis alle
Or al þat nyȝt muste hem bleue þere 118
An fer with-inne nyȝt with manye a tere
þis Troilus gan homward for to ryde
ffar wel sey he it helpiþ not to a-bide 118

(170)

¶ But neuer-þe-les he gladede hym in þis 118
And seyde he mystondit hadde his day
And seyde vndirstonde haue I a-mys
ffor þeilke nyȝt I last Crisseide say 118
Sche seyde I schal be þere ȝif þat I may
Er þat mone / O dere herte swete
þe lyoun passe out of þat aryete 119

(171)

¶ ffor which sche ȝit may holde al hire heste [lf 119, bk] 1191
And on þe morwyn vnto þe ȝatis he went
And vp & doun he west & ek he est
Vp on þe wall made he manye a went 1194
But al for nouȝt his hope alwey hym blent
ffor whiche at nyȝt with sorwe & sikis sore
He wente hym hom with-outyn ony more 1197

(172)

This hope al clene out of his herte is fledde. [lf 110; bk] 1198
He nath wher-on now lengere for to honge.
But for þe peyne hym þoughte his herte bledde.
So were hise þrowes sharpe and wonder stronge. 1201
For when he saugh þat she abood so longe.
He nyst what he Iuggen of it myght.
Syn she hath broken þat she hym byhyght. 1204

(173)

The þridde / ferþe / fyfthe sixte day. 1205
After þo dayes / ten / which I [of] tolde.
By-twyxen hope and drede his herte lay.
Yet som-what trustynge on here hestes olde. 1208
But whan he saugh she nolde he[re] terme holde.
He kan now sen noon oþer remedye.
But [for to] shape hym soone for to dye. 1211

(174)

Ther-with þe wykked spyrit god vs blesse. 1212
which þat men clepeth þe wode Ialousye.
Gan yn hym crepe yn al þis heuynesse.
For whiche by cause he wold soone dye. 1215
He ne eet ne dronk / for his malencolye.
And ek from euery compaignye he fledde.
This was þe lyf / þat al þe tyme he ledde. 1218

(175)

He so defet was þat no maner man. 1219
Vnneþe myght hym knowe þer he wente.
So was he lene and þer-to pale and wan.
And feble þat he walketh by potente. 1222
And with his Iire he þus hym seluen shente.
And who so asketh hym wher-of hym smerte.
He seyde his harm was al a-boute his herte. 1225

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(172)

¶ His hope al clene out of his herte fledde 1198
He nath wher-on now longer for to honge
But for þe peyne hym thought his hert bledde
So were his throwes sharpe and wonder stronge 1201
For when he saugh þat she aboode so longe
He nyste what he Iuggen of it myghte
Syn she hath broken þat she hym byhighte 1204

(173)

¶ The / thridde / ferthe / fyfte / sexte day 1205
After þo dayes ten, of whiche I tolde
Betwixen hope and drede his hert lay
Ȝet somwhat trusten on hire hestes olde 1208
But when he saugh she nold hire terme holde
He kan now sen non other remedye
But for to shape hym sone for to dye 1211

(174)

¶ Ther-with þe wykked spirit god vs blisse 1212
whiche þat men clepeth wode Ialousie
Gan in hym crepe in al þis heuynesse
For whiche be cause he wold soone dye 1215
He ne ete ne dranke for his melencolye
And ek from euery compaynye he fledde
This was þe lyf þat al þe tyme he ledde 1218

(175)

¶ He so defet was that no maner man [leaf 91, back] 1219
Vnneth hym myght knowen there he wente
So was he leen and ther-to pale and wan
And fieble þat he walketh by potente 1222
And with his Ire he thus hym seluen shente
But who-so axed hym wher-of hym smerte
He seyde his harme was al aboute his herte 1225

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(172)

// His hope al clene out of his herte fledde 1198
He ne haþ no lengere wheron for to honge
But for þe peyne hym þouȝte his herte bledde
So weryn hise þrowis scharpe & wondyr stronge 1201
ffor whan he say þat sche a-bod so longe
He nyste what to iugen of it myȝt
Syn sche haþ brokyn þat sche hym be-hyȝt 1204

(173)

¶ þe þredde day þe forþe þe fifte þe sexte day 1205
Aftyr þe dayis ten þe whiche I tolde
Be-twixe hope & dred his herte lay
Ȝit sumwhat trostynge on hire hestis olde 1208
But whan he say sche nolde here hestis holde
He can not sen non oþer remedy
But for to schape hym sone for to dey 1211

(174)

// þerwiþ þe wekede sprit god vs blys 1212
Which þat men clepyn wode Ielosye
Gan in hym crepe in as his heuynesse
ffor cause of which he wolde sone deye 1215
He noþer et ne drank for his malencoly
And ek from euery companye he fledde
þis was þe lyf þat al þis tyme he ledde 1218

(175)

¶ He so disfigured was þat no maner man 1219
Vn-neþe myȝte hym knowe wher he wente
So was he lene & þerto pale & wan
And febele þat he walkede by potent 1222
And with his yre he þus hym seluyn schent
But who so axe hym wherof hym smert
He seyde his harm was al aboute his hert 1225

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(176)

Priam ful ofte and ek his moder dere. 1226
His brepheren and his sustren gonne hym freyne.
why he so sorwful was in al his chere.
And what pyng was pe cause of al his peyne. 1229
But al for nought / he nolde his cause pleyne.
But seyde he felte a greuous maladye.
A-boute his hérte / and fayn he wolde dye. 1232

(177)

So on a day he leyde hym doun to slepe. [leaf 111] 1233
And so by-fel pat yn his slep hym poughte.
That in a forest faste he walk to wepe.
For loue of here pat hym pese peynes wroughte. 1236
And vp and doun as he pe forest soughte.
He mette he saugh a bor with tuskes grete.
That slepte a-geyn pe bryghte sonnes hete. 1239

(178)

And by pis bor faste in his armes folde. 1240
Lay kyssyng ay his lady bryght Criseyde.
For sorwe of which whan he it gan byholde.
And for despit out of his slep he breyde. 1243
And loude he cride on Pandarus & seyde.
O. Pandarus now know I crop and roote.
I. nam but ded per hys non oper bote. 1246

(179)

My lady bryght Criseyde hath me bytrayed. 1247
In whom I trusted most of ony wight.
She ellis where hath now here herte a-payed.
The blysful goddes porugh here grete myght. 1250
Han in my drém-y-shewed it ful right.
Thus yn my drem / Criseyde I haue byholde.
And al pis ping to Pandarus he tolde. 1253

(176)

¶ Priam ful ofte and ek his moder deere 1226
His bretheren and his sustren gonne hym freyne
Whi he so sorwful was in al his cheere
And what thyng was pe cause of al his peyne 1229
But al for nought he nold his cause playne
But seyde he felte a greuous maladye
Aboute his herte / and fayne he wolde dye 1232

(177)

¶ So on a day he layde hym down to slepe 1233
And so byfel pat in his slepe hym thoughte
pat a forest faste he walke to wepe
For loue of hire pat hym thise peynes wroughte 1236
And vp and doun as he pat forest soughte
He mette he saugh a boor with tuskes grete
pat slepte ayein the brighte sonnes hete 1239

(178)

¶ And by pis boor fast in hir armes folde 1240
Lay kyssyng ay his lady bright Criseyde
For sorw of which whan he gan biholde
And for despit out of his slepe he breyde 1243
And loude he criede on Pandarus and seyde
O Pandarus now knowe I crope and roote
I nam bot ded ther is non other boote 1246

(179)

¶ My lady bryghte Criseyde hath me bytrayed 1247
In whom I trusted moost of any wighte
She elles where hath now hire herte apoyde
pe blisful goddes thorwgh hire grete myghte 1250
han in myn drem y-shewed itiful righte
pus in my drem Criseyde haue I biholde
And al pis thynge to Pandarus he tolde 1253

(176)

¶ Priam ful ofte & ek his modir dere [leaf 126] 1226
Hise breperen his sisteren gon hym frayn
Whi he sorweful was in al hise chere
And *with* pat pyng was cause of al his payn 1229
But al for nouȝt he nolde his cause playn
But seyde he felte a *grouous* malady
A-boute his herte & sone he wolde dey 1232

(177)

// So on a day he leyde hym doun to slepe 1233
And so be-fel pat in his slep hym pouȝte
par in a forest faste he walkede to wepe
flor loue of hyre pat hym pis peyne wrouȝte 1236
And vp & doun as he pe forest souȝte
He mette he say a bor *with* toschhis grete
pat slep a-gen pe bryȝte sunnys hete 1239

(178)

¶ And bi pis bor faste in hyre armys [2]ffolde[2] 1240
Lay kyssynge ay his ladi Crisseyde
ffor sorwe of wich whan he gan hire be-holde
And for dispit out of his slep he breyde 1243
And loude he criede o pandaris he seyde
O pandarus now knowe I crop & rote
I am but ded pere is non *oper* bote 1246

(179)

// Myn lady bryȝt Crisseyde haþ me be-trayed 1247
In whom I trostede moste of ony wyȝt
Sche ell wher haþ now hire herte-apayed
pe blisful goddis pour here grete myȝt 1250
Han in myn drom schewid it ful ryȝt
pus in myn drom Crisseyde haue I beholde
And al pis þyng to pandarus he tolde 1253

(180)

O my Criseyde allas what subtilte. 1254
what newe lust / what beaute / what science.
what wratthe of Iust[e] cause haue ye to me.
what gilt of me what fel experience. 1257
Hath fro me raft / allas yn aduertence.
O. trust .o. feyth .o. depe assurannce.
who hath me reft Criseyde al my plesaunce. 1260

(181)

Allas whi let I you from hennes go. 1261
For which wel neigh out of my wit I breyde.
who shal now trowen on ony obes mo.
God wot I wende. o. lady bright Criseyde. 1264
That euery word was gospel þat ye seyde.
But who may bet bigile yf hym lyste.
Than he on whom men weneth best to triste. 1267

(182)

What shal .I. don my Pandarus allas. [leaf 111, back] 1268
I fele now so sharpe a newe peyne.
Syn þat þer is no remedye in þis cas.
That bet were it I with myn hondes tweyne. 1271
My seluen slowh / alwey þan þus compleyde.
For borugh my deth my wo shold han an ende.
Ther euery day with lyf myself I shende. 1274

(183)

Pandare answerede and seyde allas þo while. 1275
That .I. was born / haue I not seyd or þis.
That dremes many a maner man bygyle.
And why for men expounden hem a-mys. 1278
How dastow seyn þat fals þi lady is.
For ony dreem right for þyn owene drede.
Lat be þis þought þow kanst no dremes rede. 1281

(180)

¶ O my Criseyde allas what subtilite 1254
what new luste what beaute / whate science
what wrathe of Iuste cause have ye to me
what gilte of me what fel experience 1257
hath fro me rafte allas thyn aduertence
O trust / o feith / o depe assurannce
who hath me reft Criseyde al my plesaunce 1260

(181)

¶ Allas whi lette ich yow from hennes go [leaf 95] 1261
For which wel neigh out of my wit I breyde
who shal now trowe on ony othes moo
God woot I wende o lady bright Criseyde 1264
þat euery worde was gospel þat ye seyde
But who may beste bigile if hym liste
þan he on whom men weneth best to triste 1267

(182)

¶ what shal I don my Pandarus allas 1268
I fele nowe so sharpe a newe peyne
Syn þat ther is no remedye in þis cas
þat bet were it I *with* myn hondes tweyne 1271
My seluen slewe alwey pan thus to pleyne
For thorwgh þo deth my wo shold haue an ende
þat euery day with lif my self I shende 1274

(183)

¶ Pandare answerde and seyde allas þo while 1275
þat I was born haue I not seyde or this
þat dremes manny a maner man bigiles
And whi for folk expounden hem amys 1278
How darstow seyn þat fals thy lady is
For any dreme / right for thyn owen drede
Lat be þis thought thow kanst no dremes rede 1281

(180)

¶ O myn Crisseyde allas what suptilite 1254
What lust what beute what sience
What wreþe of iuste cause haue ze to me
What gilt of me what fel experience 1257
Hap from me raft allas youre aduertence
O trust of fayth o depe assurannce
He hap me raft crisseyde al my plesaunce 1260

(181)

¶ Allas whi let I hire henys from me go [leaf 129, back] 1261
Wo schal wol nyh out of myn wit me brayde
Who schal now trowe on ony obis mo
But wel I wende O lady bryst Crisseyde 1264
þat euery word was gospel þat sche seide
But who may bet begile zif sche liste
þan þey on whom men wenys best to truste 1267

(182)

// What schal I don myn pandarus allas 1268
I fele now so scharpe a newe peyne
Syn þat here lyþ no remedie in þis cas
But best were it I *with* myne hondis tweyne 1271
Myn self to sle þan þus alwoy to pleyne
ffor þour þe deþ myn wo schal haf an ende
þere euery day *with* lyf myn seluyn I schynde 1274

(183)

¶ Pandarus answerde & seyde allas þo while 1275
þat I was born hane I not seyd or þis
þat dremys manye a man be-gile
And whi for folk expoungyn hem a-mys 1278
How durstist þow seyn þat fals þyn lady is
ffor ony drem ryzt for þyn owene drede
Let be þis þouzt þou canst no dremys rede 1281

(184)

Paraunter þere þow dremest of þis boo.. 1282
It may so be þat it may signyfie.
Hire fader which þat old is & ek hor.
A-yen þe sonne lith o poynt to dye. 1285
And sha for sorwe gynneth wepe and crye.
And kysseth hym þere he lyth on þe grounde.
Thus shuldestow þi drem a-righ expounde. 1288

(185)

How myght I þan do quod Troylus. 1289
To knowe of þis / ye were it neuere so lite.
Now seystow wysely quod þis Pandarus.
My rede is þis syn þow kan wel endite. 1292
That hastely þow a lettre here write.
Thorugh which þow shalt wel bryngе it a-boute.
To knowe a soth of þat þou art in doute. 1295

(186)

And so now why / for þis I dar wel seyn. 1296
That if so is þat she vntrewe be.
I kan not trowen þat she wol write a-yen.
And yf she write / þow shalt ful soone see. 1299
As whoyher she hath ony liberte.
To come a-yen / or ellys yn som clause.
And yf she be let she wol assigne a cause. 1302

(187)

Thow hast not wreten here syn þat she wente. [leaf 1] 1303
Nor she to þe / and þis I dorste leye.
The may swych cause ben in here entente.
That hardely þow wolt þi-seluen seye. 1306
That here a-bod þe beste is for yow tweye.
Now write here þanne and þow shalt fele soone.
A soþe of al þere is no more to done. 1309

(184)

¶ Paraunter ther thow dremest of þis boor 1282
It may so be þat it may signifye
Hire whiche þat old is and ek hoor
Ayein þe sonne lyth o poynte to dye 1285
And she for sorwe gynneth wepte and crye
And kysseth hym þer he lyth on þe grounde
þus sholdestow thy dreme aright expounde 1288

(185)

¶ How myght than don quod Troilus 1289
To know of this 3e were it neuere so lite
Now seystow wisely quod this pandarus
My rede is þis syn thow kanst wel endite 1292
þat hastily a letre thow hire write
Thorugh whiche thow shalt wel bryngen it aboute
To knowe a soth of þat thow ert in doutte 1295

(186)

And so now why for this I dar wel seyn 1296
þat if so is þat she vntrewe be
I kan not trowen þat wel write ayein
And if she write thow shal ful soon se 1299
As whether she hath any liberte
To come ayein or elles in som clause
If she be let she wol assigne a cause 1302

(187)

¶ Thow hast not writon hire syn þat she wrote [leaf 92, back] 1303
Nor che to þe / and this I dorst laye
Ther may swich cause ben in hire entente
þat hardily thow wolt thy-seluen seye 1306
þat hire abood þe best is for 3ow tweyne
Now write hire than and thow shal fele soone
A sothe of al ther is na moore to doon 1309

(184)

// Peraunture þere þou dremyst of þis bor 128:
It may so be þat it may signefye
Hire fadir which þat old is & hor
A-3en þe sunne lyth a poynt to deye 128:
And for sorwe sche gynnyth wepe & crye
And hym kysseþ þere he lyth on þ° grounde
þus schuldist þow þynne dremys a-ryȝt expounde 1288

(185)

¶ How myȝte I þanne don *quod* Troilus 1289
To knowe of þis 3e were it neuere so lite
Now seyst þu wisely *quod* þis pandarus
Myn red is syn þat canst wel endite 1292
þat hastily a lettere þow here[1] write [1 here corrected] here
þour which þow schat wel bryngyn it aboute
To knowyn a soþ þere þow art now in doute 1295

(186)

¶ And so now why for þis dar I wel seyn [leaf 121] 1296
þat ȝif so is þat sche ontrewe be
I can not trowe sche wole wryte a-3en
And ȝif þat sche write þow schat sone se 1299
As whoþer sche haþ ony liberte
To comyn a-3en or ell in sum clause
ȝif sche be letȝid sche wole a-sygne a cause 1302

(187)

// þow hast not wrote to hyre sayn þat sche went 1303
Ne sche to þe & þis I durste ley
þere may swich cause be in hire entent
þat hardily þou wylt þyn seluyn sey 1306
þat hire abod best is for 3ow twey
Now write to hire þan & þou schat fele sone[2]
Asay of alle þere is no more to done [2 is sone corrected] 1309

(188)

Accorded ben to this conclusioun. 1310
And þat a-noon þese ilke lordes two.
And hastely sit Troylus a-doun.
And rolleþ yn his herte to and fro. 1313
How he may best discryuen here his wo.
And to Criseyde his owene lady dere.
He wrot right þus and seyde as ye may here. 1316

(189) (*Troylus's Letter to Criseyde*)

Right fresshe flour / whos I ben haue and shal. 1317
with-outen part of ellis where seruise
with herte / body / lyf / lust / þought / and al.
I woful wight / in euery humble wyse. 1320
That tonge telle / or herte may deuyse.
As ofte as matere occupieþ place.
Me recomaunde vn-to youre noble grace. 1323

(190)

Liketh it yow to wite swete herte. 1324
As ye wel know how longe tyme a-gon.
That ye me lafte yn aspre peynes smerte.
whan þat ye went of which yet bote noon. 1327
Haue I noon had / but euere wers bygon.
Fro day to day / am I and so mot dwelle.
while it yow lyst / of wele and wo my welle. 1330

(191)

For which to yow with dredful herte trewe. 1331
I wryte as he þat sorwe dryfth to wryte.
My wo þat euery houre encreseth newe.
Compleynynge as I dar / or kan endite. 1334
And þat defaced is / þat may ye wyte.
The terys which þat fro myn eyen reyne.
That wolde speke / yf þat þey koude and pleyne. 1337

(188)

¶ Acorded ben to þis conclusion 1310
And þat anon thise ilke lordes two
And hastily sit Troilus a doun
And rolleth in his herte to and fra 1313
How he may best descryuen hire his wo
And to Criseyde his owen lady deere
He wrote righte right thus and seyde as may here 1316

(189) [Epistola Tr]oili [in margin]

¶ Right fresshe floure whos I ben haue and shal 1317
with-outen part of elles where seruyse
with herte body lyf lust thought and alle
I woful wight in euerych humble wyse 1320
þat tonge telle or herte may deuyse
As oft as matere occupieth place
Me recomaunde vn-to ȝoure noble grace 1323

(190)

¶ Liketh ȝow to wyten swete herte 1324
As ȝe wel knowe how longe tyme agon
þat ȝe me left in aspre peynes smerte
when that ȝe wente of which boote non 1327
Haue I non had / but euere wors bigoon
Fro day to day am I and so mot dwelle
while it ȝow liste of wele and wo my welle 1330

(191)

¶ For which to ȝow *with* dredeful herte trewe 1331
I write / as he þat sorwe drifth to write
My wo þat euery houre encresseth new
Compleynynge as I dar or kan endite 1334
And þat defaced is þat may ȝe wite
þe teres which þat fro myn eyen reyne
They wolden speke If þat they koude and pleyne 1337

(188)

¶ A-corded þey ben to þis conclusioun 1310
And þat a-non þese ilke lordis too
And hastyli sit Troilus a-doun
And royled in herte to & fro 1313
How he may best discryuyn hyre his wo
And to Crisseyde his owene lady dere
He wrot ryȝt þus & seyde as ȝe schul here 1316

(189) (*Troylus's Letter to Criseyde*)

// Ryȝt frosche flour whos I haue ben & schal 1317
With-oute part of ellys where seruyse
With herte body lyf lust þouȝt & al
I woful wiȝt in euery vmbele wise 1320
þat tonge telle or herte may deuyse
As ofte as mater ocupieþ place
Me recommende on-to ȝoure nobele grace 1323

(190)

// Lykyth it ȝow to wetene swete herte 1324
As ȝe wel knowe how longe tyme a-gon
þat ȝe me lefte in asper peynys smerte
Whan þat ȝe wente of which ȝit but non 1327
Haue I non had but euere werse be-gon
From day to day lyn & so mot dwelle
Wil it ȝow lust of wele & wo myn welle 1330

(191)

¶ Which to ȝow *with* dredful herte drewe (If 121 bk) 1331
I write as he þat sorwe dryuyth To wryte
Myn wo þat euery our encreseþ newe
Compleynynge as I can or dar endite 1334
And þat defasid is þat may ȝe weiȝte
With Teris whiche þat from myne eyen reyne
þat woldyn spekyn ȝif þat þey couþe pleyne 1337

(192) (*Troylus's Letter to Criseyde, continued.*)

Yow first biseche I that youre eyen clere. (leaf 113, back) 1338
To look on þis / defouled ye not holde
And ouer al þis þat ye my lady dere.
Wol vouche-sauf þis lettre to by-holde. 1341
And by þe cause ek of [my] cares colde.
That sleþ my wit / yf ought amys masterte.
For-yeue it me / myn owene swete herte. 1344

(193)

Yf ony seruant dorste or oughte of ryght. 1345
Vp-on hys lady pytously compleyne.
Than wene I þat ich ought be þat wyght.
Considered þis þat ye þese moneþes tweyne. 1348
Han taried / þere ye seyden soth to seyne.
But ten dayes ye nolde in ost soiourne.
But syn two moneþes yet ye not retorne. 1351

(194)

But for as muche as I mot nedes lyke. 1352
Al þat yow lyst I dar not pleyne more.
But humbely with sorwful sykes syke.
Yow wryte ich myne vnresty sorwes sore. 1355
Fro day to day desyryng euere more.
To knowen fully yf it yours wil [it] were.
How ye han ferd and don whyl ye be þere. 1358

(195)

The whos wel-fare / and hele ek god encresse. 1359
In honour swych þat vpward in degre
It growe alwey / so þat it neuere cesse.
Right as youre herte ay kan my lady fre. 1362
Deuyse / I prey god so mot it be.
And graunte it þat ye soone on me rewe.
As wysly as yn al I am yow trewe. 1365

(192)

¶ 3ow first beseche I þat 3oure eyen clere 1338
To look on þis defouled 3e nat holde
And ouer al þis þat 3e my lady dere
Wol vouch-sauf this *lettre* to be-holde 1341
And by þe cause ek of my cares colde
þat sleth my wit if ought amys masterte
For-3eue it me myn owen swete herte 1344

(*A leaf out of Harl.* 2280.)

(192) (*Troilus's Letter to Criseyde, continued.*)

// 3ow fyrst be-seche I *þat with 3oure* eyen clere 133
To lokyn on þis lettere.[1] that 3e vn-folde[1] *correcte*
And ouer al þis þat 3e myn lady dere
Wole vouche-saf þis lettere to beholde 134
And bi þe cause ek of myne caris colde
þat sleth myn wit þat ought a-mys me asterte
ffor-3eue it me myn owene swete herte 134

(193)

¶ 3if ony seruaunt durste or auȝte of ryȝt 134
Vp-on his lady pitously *compleyne*
þanne wene I þat I auȝte ben þat wiȝt
Considerid þis þat 3e þese moneþis tweyne 134
Han taried *þere* 3e seyde soþ to seyne
But dayes ten 3e woldyn in heste soiourne
Buf in to monythis 3it 3e not retourne 135

(194)

// But for as meche as me muste nedis like 135
Al þat 3ow list I dar not pleyne more
But humili *with* sorweful sikis I sike
3ite wite I myn onreste & myne sorwis sore 135
ffrom day to day desiryngе euere more
To knowe fully 3if *3oure* wille it were
How 3e han ferd & don whil 3e ben *þere* 135

(195)

¶ Whos wel-fare & ese god encrese 135
In honour swich þat vpward in degre
It growe al wey so þat it neuere sere
Ryȝt as 3oure herte ay can ladi fre 13(
Deuyse I preye to god so mote it be
And granto it þat 3e sone vp-on me rewe
As wisely as I am in alle þynge to 3ow trewe 13

(196) (*Troilus's Letter continued*)

And yf ȝow lyketh knowen of þe fare. 1366
Of me / whos wo þer may no wight discryue.
I. kan no more but chyste of euery care.
At writynge of þis lettre I was on lyue. 1369
Al redy out my woful gost to dryue.
which I delaye and holde hym yet in honde.
Vpon þe sight of matere of youre sonde. 1372

(197)

Myn eyen two yn veyn with which I se. [leaf 117] 1373
Of sorweful teres salte / arn woxen wellys.
My song yn pleynte of myn aduersite.
My good yn harme / myn ese ek woxen helle ys. 1376
My Ioye yn wo / I kan sey yow nought ellys.
But turned ys / for which my lyf I warye.
Euerych Ioye or ese in his contrarye. 1379

(198)

Which with youre comynge hom a-yen to Troye. 1380
ye may redresse and more a þousand sithe.
Than euere ych hadde encressen yn me Ioye
For was þere neuere herte yet so blythe. 1383
To han his lyf / as I shal ben as swythe.
As I yow se / and þough no manere routhe.
Commeue yow / yet þynketh on youre trouþe. 1386

(199)

And yf so be my gilt hath deth deserued. 1387
Or yf you lyst no manere vp-on me se.
In guerdon yet of þat I haue you serued.
Biseche I yow myn hertes lady fre. 1390
That here-vpon ye wolden wryte me.
For loue of god my righte lode sterre.
There deth may make an ende of al my werre. 1393

(196) (*Troylus's Letter to Criseyde, continued.*)

¶ And ȝif ȝow likyth to knowyn of þe fare [leaf 118] 1366
Of me whos wo þere may no wiȝt descryue
I can no more but cheste of euery care
At þe writyng of þis lettere I was on lyue 1369
Al redy out myn woful gost to dryue
Whiche I delaye & holde him ȝit in honde
Vp-on þe syȝt of mater of ȝoure sonde 1372

(197)

// Myne eyȝyn to I veyn *with* whiche I se 1373
Of sorweful teris salte aryn waxen well
Myn song in pleynt of myn aduersite
Myn good in-to harm myn ioye ek waxen helle is 1376
Myn myrthe In-to wo I can sey ȝow not ell
But turnyd is for which myn lyf I warie
Euery ioye or ese is in his contrarye 1379

(198)

¶ Whiche *with* ȝoure comynge a-ȝen hom to Troye 1380
ȝe may redresse & more a þousent siþe
þan euere I hadde encresyn in me ioye
ffor was þere neuere herte ȝit so blyþe 1383
To haue his lyf as I schal be as swyþe
As I ȝow se / & þow no maner routhe
Remeue ȝow ȝit þynk vp-on ȝoure trouthe 1386

(199)

// And ȝif so be myn gylt haue deþ deseruyd 1387
Or if ȝe lust no more vp-on me se
In guerdoun ȝit þat I haue ȝow seruyd
Be-seche I ȝow myn hertis ladi fre 1390
þat here-vp-on ȝe wolde wryte to me
ffor loue of god myn ryȝte lode sterre
þat deþ may make an ende of al myn werre 1393

(200) (*Troilus's Letter continued*)

If oþer cause aught dothe yow for to dwelle. 1394
That with youre lettre ye me recomforte.
For þough to me youre absence is an helle.
wit pacience I wole my wo comporte. 1397
And with youre lettre of hope I wol desporte,
Now writeth swete / and lat me þus not pleyne.
with hope / er deth delyuere me fro peyne. 1400

(201)

Ywys myn owene dere herte trewe. 1401
I wot þat whan ye next vp-on me se.
So lost haue I myn hele and ek myn hewe.
Criseyde shal nought konne knowe me. 1404
I-wys myn hertes day my lady fre.
So thursteth ay myn herte to biholde.
Youre beaute / þat my lyf vnneþe I holde. 1407

(202)

I-sey no more al haue .I. for to seye. [leaf 117, back] 1408
To you wel more þan I telle may.
But we-eþer þat ye do me lyue or deye.
Yet pray I god so yeue yow right good day. 1411
And fareth wel goodly fayre fresshe may.
As ye þat lyf or deth me may comaunde.
And to youre trouthe ay I me recomaunde. 1414

(203)

With hele swych but þat ye yeuen me. 1415
The same hele / I shal noon hele haue.
In you lyth whan yow lyst þat it so be.
The day yn which me cloþen shal my graue. 1418
In yow my lyf / in yow myght for to saue.
Me from dyshese of alle peynes smerte.
And fare now wel myn owene swete herte. [*Letter ends*] 1421

(200) (*Troylus's Letter to Criseyde, continued.*)

¶ Ȝif oþer cause doþ ȝou ouȝt to dwelle 13
þat *with* ȝoure lettere ȝe me reconforte
ffor þow to me ȝoure absence be an helle
With pacience I wele myn wo comporte 13
And *with* ȝoure lettere of loue I wil disporte
Now writyth swete let me not compleyne [1—1 *by a correct*
With hope or deþ delyuere [1]me from this peyne[1] 14

(201)

¶ I-wis myn owene dere herte trewe [leaf 122, back] 14
I wot þan whan ȝe next vp-on me se
So lost haue I myn hele & ek myn hewe
Crisseyde schulde not cunne knowe me 140
I-wis myn hertis day myn ladi fre
So trustyth ay myn herte to by-holde
Ȝoure beute þat myn silf vn-neþe I holde 140

(202)

// I sey no more al haue I for to sey 140
To ȝow wel more þan I telle may
But weþer ȝe do me leue oþer deye
I preye god so ȝeue ȝow ryȝt good day 141
And farwel goodly fayre fressche may
As sche þat lyf or deþ me may comaunde
And to ȝoure hertis pete / ay I me recommaunde 141

(203)

¶ Which hele which þat but ȝe ȝeuyn me 141
þe same hele I schal non hele haue
In ȝow lyth whan ȝow lyste þat it so be
þe day on which me cloþyn schal myn graue 141
In ȝow myn lyf lyth holly for to saue
Me from desesis from alle peynys smert
And fareþ now wel myne owene swete hert. [*Letter ends*] 14

(204)

This lettre forth was sent vn-to Criseyde. 1422
Of which here answere yn effect was þis.
Ful pytously she wrote a-yen and seyde.
That al so soone as þat she myght y-wys. 1425
She wolde come / and mende al þat was mys.
And fynally she wrot and seyde hym þanne.
She wolde come ye but she nyst whanne. 1428

(205)

But yn here lettre made she swych festes. 1429
That wonder was and swereth she loueth hym best.
Of which he fond but botmeles byhestes.
But Troylus þow mayst now Est or west. 1432
Pype yn an Iuy lef yf þat þe lest.
Thus goth þe world god shylde vs fro myschaunce.
And euery wight þat meneth trouþe auaunce. 1435

06)

Encresen gan þe wo fro day to nyght. 1436
Of Troylus / for taryinge of Criseyde.
And lessen gan his hope and ek his myght.
For which al doun he yn his bed hym leyde. 1439
He ne eet / ne dronk / ne slep / ne word seyde.
Ymagynynge ay þat she was vnkynde.
For which wel neigh he wax out of his mynde. 1442

(207)

This drem of which .I. told haue ek by-forn. [leaf 114] 1443
May neuere ek out of his remembraunce.
He þought ay wel he hadde his lady lorn.
And þat Ioues of his purueyaunce. 1446
Hym shewed hadde in sleep þe signyfyaunce.
Of hire vntroþe and here disauenture.
And þat þe bor was shewed hym yn figure. 1449

(205)

¶ But in hire *letre* made she swich feestes [leaf 93] 1429
þat wonder was and swerth she loueth hym beste
Of which he fonde boot botmeles bihestes
But troilus thou maist now est or weste 1432
Pipe in an Iuy leefe if þat the leste
thus goth þe world god shilde vs fro meschaunce
And euery wight þat meneth trouthe [1]auance[1] [—1 late] 1435

(206)

¶ Encressen gan the wo fro day to nyght 1436
Of Troilus / for tarrynge of Criseyde
And lessen gan his hope and ek his myght
For which al doun he in his bed hym layde 1439
He ne ete / ne / dronk / ne slepe / ne worde seyde
Ymagynynge ay þat she was vnkynde
For which wel neigh he wex out of his mynde 1442

(207)

¶ This dreme of which I tolde haue ek biforne 1443
May neuere come out of his remembraunce
He thought ay wel he had his lady lorne
And þat Ioues of his purueiaunce 1446
Hym shewed hadde in slepe the signifiaunce
Of hire vntrouth and his disauenture
And þat þe boor was shewed hym in figure 1449

(204)

// þis lettere forþ was sent on to Crisseyde 1422
Of wich in effect hire answere was þis
ful pitously sche wrot a-ȝen & seyde
þat also sone as þat sche myȝte I-wis 1425
Sche wolde come & mende al þat was a-mys
And finally sche wrot & seyde hym þan
Sche wolde come ȝa but sche nyste neuere whan 1428

(205)

¶ But in hire lettere made sche sweche festis 1429
þat wondyr was & swerith sche louyth hym best
Of which he fond but bottemeles behestis
But Troilus þou mayt now est or west 1432
Pypyn in yuy lef / ȝif þat þou lest
þus goþ þe world god schilde vs from mys-schaunce
And euery wiȝt þat menyth / treuthe a-vaunce 1435

(206)

¶ Encresyn gan þe wo from day to nyȝt [leaf 128] 1436
Of Troilus for taryinge of crisseyde
And lessyn gan his hope & ek his myȝt
ffor which al doun he in þe bed hym leyde 1439
He net ne drank ne no word he ne seyde
ymaginyng þat sche was vn-kynde
ffor which wel nyh he wex out of his mynde 1442

(207)

// þis drem of which I told haue ek by-fore 1443
May neuere out of his remembraunce
He þouȝte ay wel he hadde his lady lorn
And þat þat Iouys hadde of his puruyaunce 1446
Hym schewid in slep þe signyfiaunce
Of hire entreuthe & his disauenture
And þat þis boþe was schewid in figure 1449

(208)

For which he for Sibille his suster sente. 1450
That called was cassandre ek al a-boute.
And al his drem he tolde here or he stente.
And here bisoughte assoylen hym þe doute. 1453
Of þe stronge bor with tuskes stoute.
And fynally with-Inne a lytel stounde.
Cassandre hym gan right þus hys drem expounde. 1456

(209)

She gan first smyle / and seyde o broþer dere. 1457
If þow a soth of þis desirest knowe.
Thow most a fewe of olde storyes here.
To purpos / how þat fortune ouer-þrowe. 1460
Hath lordes olde / þorugh which with-inne a þrowe.
Thow wel þis bor shalt knowe & ek of what kynde.
He comen is / as men yn bokes fynde. 1463

(210)

Diane which þat [wroth] was and yn Iire 1464
For Grekes nolde don here sacrifice.
Ne encens vp on here Auter sette a fyre.
She for þat Grekes gonne here so dispise. 1467
wrak here in a wonder cruwel wyse.
For with a bor as grete as oxe yn stalle.
She made vp frete here corn and vynes alle. 1470

(211)

To sle þis bor was al þe contre reysed. 1471
A-monges which þer com þis bor to se.
A mayde / on of þis world beste y-preysed.
And meleagre lord of þat contre. 1474
He louede so þis fresshe mayde fre.
That with his manhod er he wolde stente.
This boor he slow and here þe hed he sente. 1477

(208)

¶ For which he for sibille his suster sente 1450
þat called was cassandre al aboute
and al his dreme he told hire or he stente
And hire bysought assoylen hym the doute 1453
Of þe stronge boor with tuskes stoute
And finaly with-Inne a litel stounde
Cassandre by-gan right thus his dreme expounde 1456

(209)

¶ She gan first smyle and seyde brother deere 1457
If thow a soth of this desirest knowe
Thow most a fewe of oldde stories here
To purpos how þat fortune ouer-throwe 1460
Hath lordes old / thorwgh which *with*-Inne a trowe
Thow wel þis boor shalt know and of what kynde
he comen is / as men in bokes fynde 1463

(210)

¶ Diane which þat wroth was and in Ire 1464
For grekes nold don hire sacrifise
Nencens vp on hire auter sette a fire
So for þat greekes gonne hire so despise 1467
Wrak hir in a wonder cruwel wyse
For *with* a boor as grete as ox in stalle
She made vp frete hire corne and vynes alle 1470

(211)

¶ To sle þis boor was al þe contre rayseđ [leaf 92, back] 1471
O-manges which ther come þis boor to se
A maide on of þis worlde þe best preysed
And meleage lorde of that contre 1474
He loued so this fresshe mayden free
þat with his manhode or he wolde stente
þis boor he slough and hire þe hed he sente 1477

(208)

¶ ffor which for sibile his sustyr he sente
þat callid was cassa*un*dere al a-boute
And al his dre*m* he tolde hire or he stente
And hire be-souȝte to a-soylyn hy*m* þat doute
Of þe stronge bor *with* his toschhis stoute
And fynally *with*inne a lytil stou*n*de
Cassa*un*dere hy*m* gan ryȝt þ*us* expou*n*de

(209)

// Sche gan fyrst smyle & seyde o broþ*er* dere
ȝif þou a soþe of þis desirist to knowe
þow a fewe / of olde storyis here
To purpos / how þat fortune ouer þrowe
Haþ lordis olde þ*our* which *with*-inne a þrowe
þow wel þis forn. schalt knowe & of what ky*n*d
He comyn is as men in bokys fynde

(210)

¶ Dyane which þat wroþ was in yre
ffor grekys wolde not hire sacrifise
þe ensens vp-on hyre au*ter* setty*n* a fyre
Sche for þat grekys gan hire so dispise
Wrok hire in a wondyr crewel wise
ffor *with* a bor as gret as oxe in stalle
Sche made vp frete here corn & vynys alle

(211)

// To sle þis bor was al þe cuntre reysed [leaf 123, back]
A-mong whiche þere come þis for to se
A mayde on of þis world þe beste I-preysede
And meleagre lord of þat cuntre
He louede so þis frossche mayde fre
þat *with* his manhod or he wolde stynt
þe bor he slow & hire þe hed he sent

(212)

Of which as olde bokes tellen vs. [leaf 114, back] 1478
Ther ros a contek / and a gret enuye.
Of þis lord descendede Tydeus.
By ligne or ellys olde bokes lye. 1481
And how þis Meleagre gan to dye.
Thorugh his moder / wol I yow not telle.
For al to longe were it for to dwelle. 1484

(213)

She told ek how Tydeus er she stente. 1485
Vn-to þe strong Cite of Thebes.
To cleyme kyngdom of þe Cite wente.
For his felawe daun Polymytes. 1488
Of which þe broþer daun Ethyocles.
Ful wrongfully of Thebes held þe strenghþe.
This told she by proces al þe lengþe. 1491

(214)

She told ek / how Hemonydes asterte. 1492
whan Tydeus slowh fyfty knyghtes stoute.
She told ek al þe prophesies by herte.
And how þat seuene kynges with here route. 1495
Bysegeden þe Cite al abonte.
And of þe holy serpent / and þe welle.
And of þe furyes al she gan hym telle. 1498

[*Argument of the* 12 *Books of Statius's* Thebais.]

Associat profugum Tideo primus Polimitem.
Tidea legatum docebat insideas-que secundus.
Tercius hemoduden canit & vates latitantes.
Quartus habet Reges ineuntes prelia septem.
Mox furie lenne quinto narratur & anguis.
Archimori bustum: sexto ludique leguntur.

(212)

¶ Of which as old bokes tellen vs 1478
Ther roos a contek and a grete enuye
And of this lorde descended Tideus
By ligne / or elles old bokes lye 1481
And how this meleagre gan to dye
Thorwgh his moder wol I yow nought telle
For al to long it were for to dwelle 1484

(213)

¶ She told ek how Tideus or she stente 1485
Vn-to þe stronge cite of thebes
To claymen kyngdom of the cite wente
For his felawe daun Polimytes 1488
Of whiche the brother daun Ethiocles
Ful wrongfully of thebes held þe strenghthe
This told she by proces al bi lengthe 1491

(214)

¶ She told ek how hemonydes asterte 1492
when Tideus slough fifty knygthes stouto
She told ek al þe prophecies by herte
And how þat vij kynges with hire route 1495
Be-sogeden the Cite alle a-boute
And of þe holy serpent and the welle
And of þe furies al she gan hym telle 1498

[*Argument of the* 12 *Books of Statius's* Thebais.]

¶ Associat profugum Tideo primus polymytem
Tidea legatum docet insidiasque secundus
Tercius Hemoduden canit & vates latitantes
Quartus habet reges ineuntes prelia septem
Mox furie lenne quinto narrantur & anguis
Archimori bustum sexto ludusque leguntur

(212)

// Of whiche as olde bokys tellyn vs 1478
þere ros a contek & gret enuye
And of þis lord descendede thidius
Be lyne or olde bokys lye 1481
But how þis Mellager dude dye
Of hire modir wil I yow not telle
ffor to longe it were for vs to dwelle 1484

(213)

¶ Sche tolde ek how Cithideus or sche stente 1485
On to þe stronge sete of thebes
To claymyn kyndom of þe cete went
ffor his falawe dan polymites 1488
Of which þe broþer dan Ethiocles
fful wrongfully of thebes held þ* strenthe
þus told sche þe proces al on lenthe 1491

(214)

// Sche tolde ek how hermoneades a-stert 1492
Whan thedeus slow fifty knyztis stoute
Sche tolde ek al þe profecy be herte
And how þat seuene kyngis on a route 1495
Besegede þ* cete al a-boute
And of holy serpent & þ* welle
And of furies also sche gan hym telle 1498

[*Argument of the* 12 *Books of Statius's* Thebais.]

Versus Associat profi thedeus prinnus polimite
Versus Thidea legatum docet incidias-que secundus
Versus Tercius sinoduden canes & vates latitantes
Versus Quartus habet reges in-euntes prelia septem
Versus Mox furio lenne quinto narratur in anguis
¶ Archi-mosi bustum sexto ludi-que leguntur [leaf 124]

Dat graios Thebes et vatem septimus vmbris.
Octauo cecidit Tideus spes vita Pelasgis.
Ypomedon nono moritur cum Parthonopea.
Flumine percussus Decimo capaneus superatur.
Vndecimo sese perimunt per vulnera fratres.
Argiua flentem narrat duodenus & ignem.

(215)

Of Archymoris burynge and þe pleyes. [leaf 115] 1499
And how Amphiorax ful þorugh þe grounde.
How Tydeus was slayn lord of Argeys.
And ypomedon y lytel stounde. 1502
was dreynt and ded Parthonope of wounde.
And also how Cappaneus þe proude.
with þonder dynt was slayn þat cryde loude. 1505

(216)

She gan ek telle hym how þat eyþer broþer. 1506
Ethyocles and Polymyte also.
At a Scarmych eche of hem slowh oþer.
And of Argyues wepynge and here wo. 1509
And how þe town was brent she told ek þo.
And so descendeth doun from gestes olde.
To Diomede and þus she spak and tolde. 1512

(217)

This ilke bor by-tokneth Diomede. 1513
Tydeus sone / þat doun descended is.
Fro Meleagree þat made þe bor to blede.
And þi ladyrwher þat she be y-wys. 1516
This Dyomede here herte hath and she is.
wep if þow wolt or leef for out of doute.
This Diomede is Inne and þow art oute. 1519

Dat grayos thebes & vatem septimus vmbris
Octauo cecidit Tideus spes vita pelasgis
Ypomedon nono moritur cum parthonopes
Fulmine percussus decimo Cappaneus superatur
Vndecimo sese perimunt per vulnera fratres
Argiua flentem narrat duodenus & ignem

(215)

¶ Of archimoris burynge and þe pleyes [leaf 94] 1499
And how amphiorax fil thorwgh þe grounde
How tideus was slayn lord of argeyes
And how ypomedon in litel stounde 1502
was dreynt / and ded parthonopo of wounde
Also how cappaneus the proude
With thonder dynt was slayn þat cried loude 1505

(216)

¶ She kan ek telle hym how þat either brother 1506
Ethiocles and Polymyte also
At a scarmyche ech of hem slough other
And of argyues wepynge and hire wo 1509
And how the town was brente she told ek tho
And so descendeth doun from gestes olde
To diomede / and þus she spak and tolde 1512

(217)

¶ This ilke boor bitokneth diomede 1513
Tideus sone / that doun descended is
Fro meleagre þat made þe boor to blede
And thy lady wher-so she be y-wis 1516
This dyomede hire herte hath and she is
wepe if thow wolt or lefe for out of doute
This Diomede is Inne and thow ert oute 1519

Dat graios Thebes & vatem septimus Vmbris
Octauo cecidit thedeus spes vita pelasgis
Ypominon nono moritur cum parthonopea
Fulmine percussus decimo cappanius superatur
Vndecimo[1] sese perimunt per vulnera fratres [1 MS. s.f.
Argina flentem narrat duodenus & ignem

(215)

// Of arichmoure brenynge & þe pleyes 14
And how anphiorax fel þour grounde
How Tideus was slayn lord of Argeys
And how ypomidoun with blody wounde 15
And parthonope in litil stounde
Ben slayn & how cappaneus þe proude
With þondirdent was slayne & cryede loude 15

(216)

¶ Sche gan hym ek tellyn how eyþer broþer 15
Ethiocles & pollinute also
At a scharmoth eche of hem slow oþer
And of arthmes wepynge & hire wo 150
And how þe toun was brend sche tolde hym þo
And so dissendiþ he doun from gestis olde
To Diomede & þus sche spak & tolde 151

(217)

// þis ilke bor be-tokenyth Diomede 151
Thedeus sone þat doun dissendid is
ffrom meliagre þat made þe bor to blede
And þyn lady where-so sche be I-wys 151
þis Diomede hire herte haþ & sche his
Wepe ȝif þou wilt or lef / for out of doute
þis diomede is inne & þow art oute 151

(218)

Thow seyst nat soth quod he þou sorceresse. 1520
with al þi fals gost of prophesie.
Thow wenest ben a grete deuyneresse.
Now seystow not þis fol of fantasye. 1523
Peyneth here on ladyes for to lye.
A-wey quod he per Ioues yeue the sorwe.
Thow shalt be fals *paraunter* yet to morwe. 1526

(219)

As wel þow myghtest lyen on Alceste. 1527
That of creatures but men lye.
That euere weren kyndest and þe beste.
For whanne hire housbonde was In Iupartie. 1530
To dye hym self but yf she wolde dye.
She ches for hym to dye and go to helle.
And starf a-noon / as vs þe bokes telle. 1533

(220)

Cassandre goth / and he with cruwel herte. [leaf 118, back] 1534
For-yat his wo / ffor angre of here speche.
And from his bed al sodeynly he sterte.
As þough al hol hym hadde made a leche. 1537
And day by day he gan enquere & seche.
A soop of þis / with al his fulle cure.
And þus he drieth forth his auenture. 1540

(221)

Fortune whiche þat permutacion. 1541
Of þinges hath / as it *is* here *com*mytted.
Thorugh purueyaunce / and disposicion.
Of heyghe Ione as regnes shal ben fletted. 1544
Fro folk yn folk / or whan þey shal ben smytted.
Gan pulle a-wey þe feberes out of Troye.
Fro day to day / til þei ben bare of Ioye. 1547

(218)

¶ thow saist nat soth quod he thow sorceresse 1520
with al thi fals goost of prophecie
Thow wenest beñ a grete deuineresse
Now seatow nat þis fool of fantasie 1523
Peyneth hire on ladys for to lye
Awey quod he ther Iouus geue the sorwe
Thow shalt be fals *paraunter* yet to morwe 1526

(219)

¶ As wel thow myghtest lyen on alcesto 1527
þat was of creatures ben men lyo
That euer wern kyndest and þo beste
For when hire housbonde was in Iupartye 1530
To dye hym self / but if she wold dye
So ches for hym to dye and gon to helle
And starf anon / as vs þe bokes telle 1533

(220)

¶ Cassandre goth and he wit cruel herte 1534
Forȝat his wo / for angre of hire speche
And from his bed al sodeynly he stërte
As though al hool hym hadd ymade leche 1537
And day by day he gan enquere and seche
A soth of this with al his ful cure
And thus he drieth forth his auenture 1540

(221)

¶ Fortune which that *permutacioun* [leaf 94, back] 1541
Of thynges hath as it is here committed
Thorwgh *purueisaunce* and disposicioun
Of heigh Ioue as regne shal ben fletted 1544
Fro folk in folk / or when they shal ben smitted
Gan pul awey þe fetheres bright of troie
Fro day to day til they ben bare of Ioie 1547

(218)

¶ þow seyst not soþ quod he þou sorceresse 1520
Wyþ al þyn false goost of professye
þow wenyst to be a gret deuyneresse
Now sest not þis fool of fantasye 1523
Paynyth hire on ladiis for to lye
A-woy quod he þere Iouus geue þe sorwe
þow schalt ben fals *paraunty*r or to morwe 1526

(219)

¶ As wel þow myztist lyen on alcest [leaf 124, back] 1527
þat was of criaturis but men lye
þat ewere were þe kyndest & þe best
þat whan hire hosbande was in iupardie 1530
To deye hym self But ȝif scho wolde deye
Scho ches deþ & ek to gon to helle
And starf a-non as vs þe bokys telle 1533

(220)

¶ Cassandre goþ / & he for crewel herte 1534
ffor-gat the wo for angir of hire speche
And from his bed al sodeynly he sterte
As þow hym al hol hym hadde mad a leche 1537
And day be day he gan enquere & seche
A soþ of his wit al his fulle cure
And þus he dryuyth forth his auenture 1540

(221)

FOrtune þat with permutacioun 1541
His wille haþ as it is here knyttid
Be puruyaunce & dispocicioun
Of heye ioue as regnes schal be kyttid 1544
ffor folk in folk or whan þey schal ben flittid
Can pulle awoy þ* federis bryzte of troye
ffrom day to day til þey be in were of ioye 1547

(222)

Among al þis þe fyn of þe parodye. 1548
Of Ector gan approchen wonder blyue.
The fate wold his soule sholde vnbodye.
And shapen hadde a mene it out to dryue. 1551
A-yeyns which fate helpeth not to stryue.
But on a day to fyghten gan he wende.
At which allas he caught his lyues ende. 1554

(223)

For which me þenketh euery manere wight. 1555
That haunteth armes oughte to hy-waylle.
The deth of hym þat was so noble a kn[y]ght.
For as he drough a kyng by thauentaylle. 1558
Vn-war of þis Achille þorugh þe mayle.
And þorugh þe body gan hym for to ryue.
And þus þis worþi knyght was brought of lyue. 1561

(224)

For whom as olde bokes tellen vs. 1562
was mad swych wo / þat tonge may it not telle.
And namely þe sorwe of Troylus.
That next hym was of worþinesse welle. 1565
And yn þis wo gan Troylus to dwelle.
That what for sorwe / and loue and [for] vnreste.
Ful ofte a day he bad his herte breste. 1568

(225)

But natheles though he gan hym dispeyre. [leaf 116] 1569
And dradde ay þat his lady was vntrewe.
yet ay on here his herte gan repeyre.
And as þese loueres don he soughte ay newe. 1572
To gete a-yen Criseyde bryght of hewe.
And in his herte he wente here excusynge.
That Calkas causede al here taryinge. 1575

(222)

¶ Amange al this þe fyne of the Parodye [l. duracion] 1548
Of Ector / gan a prophecie wonder blyue
The fate wold his soule shold vnbodye
And shapen hadde a mene it out to dryue 1551
Aȝeins which fate hym helpeth not to stryue
But on a day to fighten gan he wende
At which allas he caughte his lyues ende 1554

(223)

¶ For which me thenketh euery manere witht 1555
þat haunteth armes ought to bewayle
þe deth of hym þat was so noble a knyght
For as he drough a kynge by thauantaile 1558
vnder of this achilles thorwgh þe maylle
And thorwgh þe body gan hym for to ryue
And þus the worthy knyght was brought of lyue 1561

(224)

¶ For when as old bokes tellen vs 1562
was made swiche wo þat tonge it may not telle
And namely the sorwe of Troilus
þat next hym was of worthinesse welle 1565
And in þis wo gan Troilus to dwelle
þat what for sorwe and loue and for vnreste
Ful oft a day he bad his herte breste 1568

(225)

¶ But natheles though he gan hym despaire 1569
And drede ay þat his lady was vntrewe
Ȝet ay on hire his herte gan repaire
And as þis louers don he sought ay newe 1572
To gete aȝein Criseyde bright of hewe
And in his herte he wente hire excusynge
þat Calkas caused alle hire taryinge 1575

(222)

A-mong al þis þe fyn of þe parodye 15
Of ector gan aprochyn wondir blyue
þe face wolde his soule schulde on-bodye
And schape hadde a mene it out to dryue 15
Aȝens whiche face hym helpyth not to stryue
But on a day to fyȝtyn gan he wynde
At þe whiche he cauȝte his lyuys ende 15

(223)

¶ ffor which me þynkeþ euery maner wiȝt 15
þat hancory harmyȝ auȝte to biwayle
þe day of hym þat was so nobel a knyȝt
ffor as he drow a knyȝt be þe auentayle 15
On-war of his Achilles þour þe mayle
Lenne þour þe body gan hym for to ryue
And þus þis worþi knyȝt was brouȝt of lyue 15

(224)

¶ ffor which as olde bokys tellyn vs [leaf 125] 15
Was mad swich wo þat tonge may not telle
And namely þe sorwyn of troilus
þat next him was of worþinesse þe welle 15
And in þis wo gan Troilus to dwelle
þat what for sorwe & loue & for vnrest
fful oft[1] on day he bad his herte brest [1 t, corrector] 15

(225)

¶ But neuer-þe-les þow he gan hym self dispaire 15
And drede þat his lady was vn-trewe
Ȝit in his herte gan repayre
And as þese loueris don he souȝte anewe 15
To gete aȝen Crisseyde bryȝt of hewe
And in his herte he wente hire excuaynge
þat Calcas causede al hire tarying 15

(226)

And ofte tyme he was yn purpos gret. 1576
Hym self lyk a Pylgrym to degyse.
To sen here but he may not contrefete.
To ben vnknowen / of folk þat weren wyse. 1579
Ne fynde excuse a-right þat may suffise.
yf he among þe Grekes knowen were.
For which he wep ful ofte many a tere. 1582

(227)

To here he wrot yet ofte tyme al newe. 1583
Ful pitously he lefte it nought for slouþe.
Bisechyng here syn þat he was trewe.
That she wolde come ageyn & holde here trouþe. 1586
For which Criseyde vp-on a day for rouþe.
I take it so / towchynge þis matere.
wrot hym a-yeyn and seyde as ye may here. 1589

(228) (*Criseyde's Letter to Troylus*)

Cupides sone / ensample of goodlihede. 1590
O, swerd of knyghthod / sours of gentilesse.
How myght a wyght in torment and in drede.
And leeles / yow sende as yet gladnesse. 1593
I herteles .I. syke I yn distresse.
Syn ye with me nor I with yow may dele.
Yow neyþer sende ich herte may nor hele. 1596

(229)

Youre lettres ful þe papir al y-peynted. 1597
Conseyued hath myn hertes pite.
I haue ek seyn wiþ terys al depeynted.
youre lettre / and how þat ye requeren me. 1600
To come a-yen / which yet may not be.
But why / lest þis lettre founden were.
No mencioñ ne make I now for fere. 1603

(226)

¶ And oft tyme he was in purpos grete 1576
Hym seluen like a pilgrym to degyse
To sen hire / but he may not conterfete
To ben vnknowen[1] of folk þat weren wyse 1579
Ne fynde excuse aright þat may suffise [[1] 1st n altered from o]
If he among the grekes knowen weere
For whiche he wepte ful ofte and many a teere 1582

(227)

¶ To hire he wroot yet oft tyme al newe [leaf 92] 1583
Ful pitously he left *it nought for* slouthe
Besechynge hire syn þat he was trewe
þat she wol come ageyn & hold hir trouthe 1586
For which Criseyde vp-on day for routhe
I take it so touchynge al *þis* matere
wroot hym agein and seyde as ȝe may here 1589

(228)

¶ Cupides sone ensample of goodlyhede Litera Criseydis [later] 1590
O swerde of knyghod sours of gentilesse
How myght a wight in tormente and in drede
and heleles thow sende as ȝet gladnesse 1593
I hertales I sik I in destresse
Syn ȝe with me nor I with ȝow may dele
ȝow neither sende iche herte may nor hele 1596

(229)

¶ ȝour letres ful þe papir al ypeynted 1597
Conceyued hath myn hertes pito
I haue ek seyn [with] teeris alle depeynted
ȝoure letre / and how þat ȝe requeren me 1600
To come ageyn / which ȝet ne may not be.
But whi liste þat þis letre foundon were
No mencion ne make I-nowe for fere 1603

(226)

¶ And ofte tyme he was in purpos gret 1576
Hym seluen lyk a pilgrym to disgise
To sen hire but he may not counterefete
To ben ouknowe of folk þat were wyse 1579
Ne fynde excuse aryȝt þat may suffyse
ȝif he a-mong þe grekys knowe were
¶ ffor whiche he wepte ful ofte manye a tere 1582

(227)

To hire he wrot ful ofte tyme al nowe 1583
fful pitously he lefte not for þ^t slouthe
Be-sechyng hire þat syn þat he was trewe
þat sche wolde come ageyn & holde hyre trouthe 1586
ffor whiche crisseyde vp-on a day for routhe
I tok it *so touchynge al þis matere*
Wrot hym a-geyn & seyde as ȝe may here 1589

(228) (*Criseyde's Letter to Troylus*)

Cupidis sone eñ-saumpele of godly-hede *1590*
O sword of knythod ground of gentilles
How myȝte a wyȝt in turnement & in drede
And helales ȝow sende ȝit gladnesse 1593
I herde telle *in* seek & in distresse
Syn ȝe *with* me / ne I *with* ȝow may dele
ȝow noþer sende / .I. may herte ne hele 1596

(229)

¶ ȝoure letteris of paper ful I-peynted [leaf 128, back] 1597
Conseyuyd haþ myn hertis þete
I haue ek sen *with* terys al depeyntid
ȝoure lettere & how þat ȝe requeryn me 1600
To come a-geyn whiche may not [1]ȝet be[1] [[1–1] *corrector*]
But whi lest þis lettere fonde were
Non mencioun-make I now for-fere. 1603

(230) (*Criseyde's Letter continued*)

Greuous to me god wot is youre vnreste. [leaf 116, back] 1604
Youre haste and þat þe goddes ordenaunce.
It semeth not ye take it for þe beste.
Nor oþer þyng nys not yn youre remembraunce. 1607
As þenketh me but oonly youre plesaunce.
But beth not wroth / and þat I yow byseche.
For þat I tarye / is al for wykked speche. 1610

(231)

For I haue herd wel more þan I wende. 1611
Towchynge vs two / how þynges han y-stonde.
which I shal with dissimulynge amende.
And beth nought wroth I haue eke vnderstonde. 1614
Ye ne don but holden me in honde.
But now no fors I kan not in yow gesse.
But alle trouþe and alle gentilesse. 1617

(232)

Come I wole but yet in swich disioynt. 1618
I stonde as now þat what yer or what day.
That þis shal be þat kan I not apoynte.
But yn effect I prey yow as I may. 1621
Of youre good word and of yowre frendship ay.
For trewely whil [þat] my-lyf may dure.
As for a frend ye may in me assure. 1624

(233)

Yet preye I yow an yuyl þat ye ne take. 1625
That it is short which þat I to yow write.
I dar not þere I am wel lettres make.
Ne neuere yet ne koude I wel endite. 1628
Of gret effect men write yn place lite.
Thentent is al / and nought þe lettres space.
And fareþ now wel god haue you in his grace. 1631

(230) (*Criseyde's Letter continued*)

¶ Greuous to me god woot is ȝoure vnreste 1604
Ȝoure haste / and þat þe goddes ordinaunce
It semeth nat ȝe take it for the beste
Nor other thyng nys in ȝoure remembraunce 1607
As thenketh me but oonly ȝoure plesaunce
But beth not wroth and þat I ȝow beseche
For þat I tarye is al for wikked speche 1610

(231)

¶ For I haue herde wel more than I wende 1611
Touchynge vs two how thynges han ystonde
whiche I shal with dissimulynge amende
And beth not wroth I haue ek vnderstonde 1614
How ȝe ne don but holden me in honde
But now no fors I kan not in ȝow gesse
But al trowthe and al gentilesse 1617

(232)

¶ Com I wole / but ȝet in swich disioynte 1618
I stonde as now þat what ȝere or what day
þat þis shal be þat kan I nought a-poynte
But in effect I preye ȝow as I may 1621
Of ȝour good word and of ȝoure frendschip ay
For trewly while þat my lif may dure
as for a frend ȝe may in me assure 1624

(233)

¶ Ȝet preye ich ȝow an euyl ȝe it take [leaf 96, back] 1625
þat it is short which þat I to ȝow write
I dar not ther I am wele letres make
Ne neuere ȝet ne koude I wel endite 1628
Ek grete effect men write in place lite
The entente is alle and not letres space
And farth now wel god haue you in his grace 1631

(230) (*Criseyde's Letter continued*)

// Greuous to me god wot is ȝoure vnrest
Ȝoure haste & at þe goddis ordenaunce
It semyth not ȝe takyn it for þe beste
Nor oþer þyng is in ȝoure remembr[a]unce
As þynkyþ me but only ȝoure plesaunce
But beþ not wroþ & þat I ȝow be-seche
ffor þat I tarie is al for wekede speche

(231)

¶ ffor I haue herd wel more þan I wende
Touchinge vs to how þyngis han I-stounde
Whiche I schal with dishomblynge a-mende
And be not wroþ I haue ek vndirstonde
How ȝe ne don but holdyn me in honde
But now nofors I can not in ȝow gesse
But alle treuthe & al gentillesse

(232)

// Come I wolde But ȝit in swich disioynt
I stonde as now but what ȝer or what day
þat þis schal ben þat can I not a-poynt
But in effect I prey ȝow as I may
Of ȝoure goode & of ȝoure frenschep ay
But trewely whil þat myn lyf may dure
As for a frend ȝe may en me assure

(233)

¶ Ȝit preye I ȝow on euyl ȝe ne take
þat it is schort whiche þat I to ȝow wryȝte
I dar not þere I am wel letteris make
Ne neuere ȝit ne couþe wel endite
Ek gret effectis men write in space lite
þe centence is al & not þe letterys spase
And farith now wel god haue ȝow in his grace

(234)

This lettre þis Troylus þoughte al straunge. 1632
whan he it saugh / and sorwefully he sighte.
Hym þoghte it lyk a kalendes of chaunge.
But fynally he ful ne trowen myghte. 1635
That she now wolde hym holden þat she highte.
For wiþ ful yuel wil lyst hym to leue.
That loueth wel yn swich cas þough hym greue. 1638

(235)

But nafeles men seyn þat at the laste. [leaf 117] 1639
For ony þing men shal þe sothe se.
And swych a cas by-tidde & þat as faste.
That Troylus wel vnderstod þat she. 1642
Nas not so trewe / as þat here oughte be.
And fynally he wot now out of doute.
That al is lost þat he hath gon a-boute. 1645

(236)

Stod on a day in his malencolye. 1646
This Troylus and yn suspecion.
Of here for whom he wende for to dye.
And so bifel þat þorugh-out Troye town. 1649
As was þe gyse y-bore was vp and down.
A manere cote arm[ur]e as seyth þe storye.
Byfore Deiphebe yn signe of his victorye. 1652

(237)

The which cote as telleþ lollius. 1653
Deiphebe it had y-rent from Diomede.
The same day / and whan þis Troylus.
It saugh he gan to taken of it hede. 1656
Auysyng of þe lengthe and of þe brede.
And al þe werk / but as he gan byholde.
Ful sodeynly his herte gan to colde. 1659

(234)

¶ This Troilus *þis lettre* thought al straunge 1632
When he it saugh and sorwfullyche he sighte
Hym thought it like a kalendas of chaunge
But finaly he ful ne trowen myghte 1635
þat she ne wold hym holden þat she hyghte
For with ful yuel wil list hym to leue
þat loust wel in swich cas though hym greue 1638

(235)

¶ But natheles men seyn þat at þe laste 1639
For any thyng men shal the soth see
And swich a cas bited and þat as faste
That Troilus wel vnderstood þat she 1642
Nas not so kynde as þat hire oughte be
And finaly he woot now out of doute
þat al is lost þat he hath ben a-boute 1645

(236)

¶ Stood on a day in his malencolye 1646
þis Troilus / and in suspicioun
Of hire / for whom he wende for to dye
And so bifel þat thorwgh-out Troie town 1649
as was þe gyse I-born was vp and down
A manere cote armur as seith þe storie
Bifórn deiphebe in signe of his victórie 1652

(237)

¶ þe which cote as telleth lollius 1653
Deiphebe it hadde rent fro diomede
þe same day / and when þis Troilus
It saugh he gan to taken of it hede 1656
Auysinge of þe lenghte and of þe brede
And al þe werke but as he gan bihold
Ful sodeynli his herte gan to colde 1659

(234)

¶ Troylus þis lettere þouȝte al strong [leaf 118] 1632
Whan he it sey & sorwefully he sight
Hym þouȝte it lik a kalandis of chung
But fynnally he ful ne trowe myȝte 1635
þat sche ne wolde holde hym þat sche hyȝt
for which with euille wil luste hym to leue
þat louyst wel in swich cas þow hym greue 1638

(235)

// But neuer-þe-les men seyn at þe last 1639
for ony þyng men schal þe sope se
And siche be-tyd & þat also fast
þat Troilus wel vndirstant þat sche 1642
Nas not so kynde as þat hire auȝte to þe
And finally he wot now out of doute
þat al is lost þat he haþ ben a-boute 1645

(236)

¶ Stod on a day in his malencoly 1646
þis Troilus & ins suspecioune
Of hire for whom he wande for to deye
And so be-fel þat þour troye toune 1649
As was þ° gise was boryn vp & doune
A nane of cotearmure as seyth þ° storye
Be-fore Deiphebe in signe of his victorye 1652

(237)

// þe whiche cote as tellyth lollyus 1653
Deyphebe it hadde I-rent from diomede
þe same day & whan þis Troilus
It saw he gan to takyn of it hede 1656
Auyaynge of þ° lenthe & of þ° brede
And al þe werk but as he gan beholde
fful sodeynlche his herte be-gan to colde 1659

(238)

As he þat on þe coler fond with-Inne 1660
A broch þat he Criseyde yaf þat morwe
That she from Troye moste nedes twynne.
In remembraunce of hym / and of his sorwe. 1663
And she hym leyde a-yen here feyth to borwe.
To kepe it ay / but now ful wel he wiste.
Hys lady nas no lengere on to tryste. 1666

(239)

He goth hym forth hom / & gan ful soone sende. 1667
For Pandarus and al þis newe chaunce.
And of þis broche he told hym word and ende.
Compleynynge of here hertes variaunce. 1670
His longe loue / his trouþe and his pennaunce.
And efter deth with-outen wordes more.
Ful faste he cride his reste hym to restore. 1673

(240)

Thanne spak he þus o lady myn Criseyde. [f. 117, bk.] 1674
wher is youre feyth and wher is youre biheste.
wher is youre loue / wher is youre trouþe he seyde.
Of Diomede haue ye now al þis feste. 1677
Allas I wolde haue trowed at þe leste.
That syn ye nolde yn trouþe to me stonde.
That ye þus nolde han holden me in honde. 1680

(241)

Who shal now trowe on any oþer mo. 1681
Allas I neuere wolde han wend er þis.
That yg Criseyde koude han chaunged so.
Ne but I hadde a-gylt or don amys. 1684
So cruwel wende I not / youre herte y-wys.
To sle me þus / allas youre name of trouþe.
Is now for-don and þat is al my rouþe. 1687

(238)

¶ As he þat on þe coler fonde with-Inne 1660
A broche þat he Criseyde 3af þat morwe
þat she from Troie most nedes twynne
In remembraunce of hym and of his sorwe 1663
And she hym layde a3en hire feith to borwe
To kepe it ay / but now ful wel he wiste
His lady nas no langer on to truste 1666

(239)

¶ He goth hym hom and gan ful soone sende [leaf 96] 1667
For Pandarus and al þis now chaunce
And of þis broche he told hym word and ende
Compleynynge of hire herte variaunce 1670
His longe loue his trouth and his pennaunce
And efter deth *with*-oute wordes moore
Ful fast he cried his reat hym to restoore 1673

(240)

¶ þan spak he thus o lady myn Criseide 1674
wher is 3oure feith and wher is 3oure biheste
Wher is 3our loue where is 3oure trouth he seyde
Of diomede haue now al þis feeste 1677
Allas I wold han trowed at þe leeste
þat syn 3e nold in trouthe to me stonde
þat 3e thus nold han holden me in honde 1680

(241)

¶ who shal now trow on any othes mo 1681
Allas I neuere wold han wende or þis
þat 3e Criseide koude han chaunged so
Ne but I hadde a-gilt and don amys 1684
So cruel wende I nought 3oure herte I-wys
To sle me þus / allas 3oure name of trouthe
Is now for-don / and þat is al my routhe 1687

(238)

¶ As he þat on þe coler fond with-inne 1
A broche þat he 3af þat morwe
þat sche from troye muste nedis twynne
In remembraunce of hym & of his sorwe 1
And sche hym ledde a-3en hire feþ to borwe
To kepyn it ay but now ful wel he wiste
His lady was no lengere on to triste 1

(239)

¶ He goþ hym hom & gan ful soone sende [leaf 128, back] 1
for Pandarus & al þis newe chaunce
And of þis broche he told hym word & ende
Compleynynge of his hertis varyaunce 1
His longe loue his trouthe & his penaunce
And aftyr day with-oute wordis more
ful faste he cryede his reste hym to restore 1

(240)

¶ þanne spak he þus o lady bryȝt Crisseyde 1
Where is *3oure* fayth & where is *3oure* beheste
Where is *3oure* loue where is *3oure* trouthe he seyde
Of diamede haue now al þis feste 1
Allas I wolde a trowed at þe leste
þat syn 3e nolde in[1] trouthe to me stonde [1 in corr.]
þat 3e þus nolde haue holdyn me in honde 1

(241)

¶ Who schal now trowe on ony oþis mo 1
Allas I neuere wolde han wend or þis
þat 3e Cresseide woldo a chaunged so
No but I hadde gilt & don a-mys
So crewel wende I not *3oure* hert had be I-wis
To sle me þus allas *3oure* name of trouthe
Is[2] now fordon & þat is al my routhe [2 s corrected]

(242)

Was þere noon oþer broche yow lyste lete. 1688
To feffe with youre newe loue quod he.
But þilke broche þat I with terys wete.
yow yaf / as for a remembraunce of me. 1691
Non oþer cause allas ne hadde ye.
But for despit / and ek for þat ye mente.
Al outrely to shewe youre entente. 1694

(243)

Through which I se þat clene out of youre mynde. 1695
Ye han me cast / and I ne kan nor may.
For al þis world / with-Inne myn herte fynde.
To vnlouen yow a quarter of a day. 1698
In Cursed tyme I born was weylaway.
That ye þat do me al this wo endure.
Yet loue I best of ony creature. 1701

(244)

Now god quod he me sende yet þe grace. 1702
That I may meten with þis Diomede.
And trewely yf I haue myght and space.
Yet shal I make I hope his sides blede. 1705
O god quod he þat oughtest taken hede.
To forþeren trouthe / and wronges to punyce.
why nyltow don a vengeaunce on þis vice. 1708

(245)

O Pandarus that in dremes for to triste. [leaf 118] 1709
Me blamed hast / and wont art ofte vp breyde.
Now maystow se þi selue yf þat þow lyst.
How trewe is now þi nece bryght Cryseyde. 1712
In sondry formes god it wot he seyde.
The goddes shewen boþe Ioye and tene.
In slep and by my drem it is now sene. 1715

(242)

¶ was ther non other broch ȝow list lete 1688
To feffe with ȝoure newe loue quod he
But þilk broch þat I with teris wete
ȝow ȝaf / as for a remembraunce of me 1691
Non other cause allas ne hadde ȝe
But for despit / and ek for that ȝe mente
Al outerly to shewen ȝoure entente 1694

(243)

¶ Thorwgh which I se that clene out of ȝoure mynde 1695
ȝe han me caste / and I ne kan nor may
For al þis world with-Inne myn herte fynde
To vnlouen ȝow a quarter of a day 1698
In corsed tyme I borne was walawey
þat ȝow þat dothe me al þis wo endure
ȝet loue I best of any creature 1701

(244)

¶ Now god quod he me sende ȝet þe grace 1702
þat I may meten with this Diomede
And trewly if I haue myghte and space
ȝet shal I make I hope his sides blede 1705
O god quod he þat oughtest taken hede
To ferthren trouthe and wronges to punice
whi nyl to don a vengeaunce of þis vice 1708

(245)

¶ O Pandarus þat in dremes for to truste [leaf 96, back] 1709
Me blamed hast and wonte oft ert vpbreyde
Now maistow sen þi self if þat the liste
How trew is now thi nece bright Criseide 1712
In sondry formes god it woot he seyde
þe goddes shewen both ioye and teene
In slepe and by dreme it is now seene 1715

(242)

// Was þere non oþer broche ȝow leste lete 1688
To feffe[1] with ȝoure newe loue qud he [1 *ffe corrected*]
But þat ilke broche þat I with terys wete
ȝow ȝaf as for a remembraunce of me 1691
Non oþer cause allas ne haddyn ȝe
But for dispit & ek for þat ment
At vttyrly to schewyn ȝoure entent 1694

(243)

¶ þour whiche I se þat clene out of ȝoure mynde 1695
ȝe han me cast & I ne can ne may
ffor al þis world with-inne myn herte fynde
To vn-loue ȝow a quarter of a day 1698
In cursede tyme I born was weyleaway
þat ȝe þat don me al þis wo endure
ȝit loue I ȝow best of ony creature 1701

[*Leaves* 127—131, *the end of* Troylus *and the beginning of the* Canterbury Tales, *have been cut out of this Cambridge MS., Gg.* 4. 27.]

(246)

And certaynly wip-oute more speche.
From hen[ne]forth aa forforth as I may.
Myn owene deth yn armés wol I seche.
I recche not how soone by pis day.
But trewely Criseyde swete may,
whom I haue ay with al my myght I-serued.
That ye pus don / I haue it nought deserued.

(247)

This Pandarus pat alle pese pynges herde.
And wist wel he seyde a soth of pis.
He nought a word a-yen to hym answerede.
For sory of his frendes sorwe he is.
And shamed / for his Nece hath don a-mys.
And stant a-stoned of pese causes tweye.
As stille as ston a word ne koude he seye.

(248)

But at pe last pus he spak and seyde.
My dere broper I may pe do nomore.
what shuld I seyn I hate y-wys Criseyde.
And god wot I wol hate here euermore.
And pat pou me bysotighest don of yore.
Hauynge to myn honour ne my reste.
Right no reward I dede al pat pe leste.

(249)

If I dede ought pat myght lyken pe.
It is me lef / and of pis treson now.
God wot, pat it a sorwe is vn-to me.
And dredles for hertes ese of yow.
Right fayn wolde I amende it wist I how.
And fro pis world almyghti god I preye.
Delyuere here soone I kan nomore seye.

(246)

¶ And certeinly with-outen more speche
From hennes forth as forth as I may
Myn owen deth in armes wol I seche
I recch nat how sone be pe day
But trewly Criseyde swete may
whom I haue ay with al my myght serued
pat 3e pus don I haue it not deserued

(247)

¶ This Pandarus pat al pise thynges herde
And wist wel he seyde a soth of pis
He nought a word agein to hym answarde
For sory of his frendes sorwe he is
And shamed for his nece hath don amys
And stont astoned of thise causes twye
As stille as stone a word no koude not seye

(248)

¶ But at pe laste pus he spak and seyde
My brother deere I may do the namore
what shold I seyn I hate I-wis Criseyde
And god woot I wol hat hire euere more
And pat thow me bisoughteast don of yore
Hauynge vn-to myn honour ne my reste
Right no rewarde I dide al pat the leste

(249)

¶ If I dide ought pat myght lyken the
It is me liefe and of this treson now
God woot pat it a sorwe is vnto me
And dredeles for hertes ese of 3ow
Right faine I wolde amende it wiste I how
And fro pis worlde almyghty I preye
Deliuer hire soone I kan na mor seye

(250)

Gret was the sorwe / and playnt of Troylus. [cf 113, 15] 1744
But forth his cours fortune ay gan to holde.
Criseyde loueth þe sone of Tideus.
And Troylus mot wepe in cares colde. 1747
Swich is þis world who-so it kan biholde.
In eche estat is litel hertes reste.
God leue vs for to take it for þe beste. 1750

(251)

In many cruwel batayle out of drede. 1751
Of Troylus / þis ilke noble knyght.
As men may in þese olde bokes rede.
was sene his knyghthod and his grete myght. 1754
And dredles his yre day and nyght.
Ful cruwel[y] þe Grekes ay aboughte.
And alwey moost þis Diomede he soughte. 1757

(252)

And ofte tyme I fynde þat þey mette. 1758
with blody strokes and with wordes grete.
Assayinge how here speres were whette.
And god it wot with many a cruwel hete. 1761
Gan Troylus vpon his helm to bete.
But natheles fortune it nought ne wolde.
Of oþeres hond þat eyther deyen sholde. 1764

(253)

And yf I hadde y-taken for to wryten. 1765
The armes of þis ilke worthi man.
Than wold I of hise battayles endite[n].
But for þat I to write first bygan. 1768
Of his loue I haue seyd as I kan.
Hese worþi dedes who-so list hem here.
Red dares / he kan telle hem alle y-fere. 1771

(250)

¶ Grete was þe sorwe and playnte of Troilus 1744
But forth hire cours fortune ay gan to holde
Criseyde loueth þe sone of tydeus
And Troilus mot wepe in cares colde 1747
Swich is þis world who-so it kan biholde
In ech estat is litel hertes reste
God leue vs for to take it for the beste 1750

(251)

¶ In many cruel bataille out of drede [leaf 97] 1751
Of Troilus this ilke noble knyghte
As men in this olde bokes rede
Was seen his knyghthod and his grete myghte 1754
And dredeles his ire day and nyghte
Ful cruely þe grekes ay aboughte
But alwey moost þis diomede he soughte 1757

(252)

¶ And oft tyme I fynde þat they mette 1758
with blody strokes and with wordes grete
Assayinge how hire speres weren whatte
And god it woot with many a cruel hete 1761
Gan Troilus vp on his helm bete
But natheles fortune it nought ne wold
Of otheres honde þat either dyen sholde 1764

(253)

¶ And if I hadde taken for to write 1765
þe armes of this ilke worthi man
þan wolde Ich of his batailles endite
But for þat I to writen first bygan 1768
Of his loue I haue seyde as I kan
His worthy dedes who lest hem here
Red dares he kan telle hem al ifeere 1771

(254)

Bysechynge euery lady bryght of hewe. 1772
And euery gentil womman what she be.
That al be þat Crisseyde was vntrewe.
That for þat gylt she be not wroth with me. 1775
Ye may here gilt in ojere bokes se.
And gladlyer I. wol write yf yow leste.
Penelopees trouthe and goode Alceste. 1778

(255)

Ne I say not this / al only for þese men. [leaf 119] 1779
But most for wommen þat by-trayed be.
Thourgh false folk / god yeue hem sorwe amen.
That with here grete wit / and subtiltee. 1782
By-trayse yow / and þis commeueth me.
To speke / and yn effect yow alle I preye.
Beth war of men / and herkeneth what I seye. 1785

(256)

Go litel bok / go litel myn Tregedie. 1786
Ther god þi makere yet or þat he dye.
So sende myght to make yn som comedye.
But litel bok no makyng þow nenuye. 1789
But subgit be to alle poesye.
And kys þe steppes þere as þow seest pace.
Virgile. Ouyde. Omer. Lukan. & Stace. 1792

(257)

And for þer is so grete dyuersite 1793
In Englysch / and yn wrytyng of oure tonge.
So preye I god þat noon myswryte þe.
Ne þe myswetre for defaute of tonge. 1796
And red wher so þou be or elles songe.
That þow be vnderstonde god beseche.
But yet to purpos of my rapere speche. 1799

(254)

¶ Besechynge euery lady bright of hewe 1772
And euery gentil womman what she be
þat al be þat Crisseyde was vntrewe
þat for þat gilt she be not wroth with me 1775
Je many hire gilt in otheres bokes se
And gladlier I wol write if yow leste
Penelopes trouthe and good alceste 1778

(255)

¶ Ny say nat this al only for thise men 1779
But moost for wommen þat betraised be
Thorwgh fals folk god 3eue hem sorwe ameN
þat with hire grete wit and subtilite 1782
Betraise yow / and þis commeueth me
To spek in affect yow al I preye
Be war of men and herknet what I seye 1785

(256)

¶ Go litel bok go litel myn tregedie 1786
ther god thy maker 3et er þat he dye
So sende myght to make in som comedye
But litel book no makynge thow nenvye 1789
But subgit be to alle poesie
And kysse þe steppes whar as thow seest space
Virgile / Ouyde / Omer Lucan and stace 1792

(257)

¶ And for ther is so grete dyuersite [leaf 97, back] 1793
In English and in writynge of our tonge
So preye I to god þat non myswrite the
Ne the myametre for defaute of tonge 1796
And red wher-so thow be or elles songe
þat thow be vnderstonde god I beseche
But 3et to purpos of my rather speche 1799

(258)

The wrappe as I began yow for to seye.
Of Troylus / pe Grekes boughten dere.
For pousandys pese hondes maden deye.
As he pat was with-outen ony pere.
Sane Ector yn his tyme as I kan here.
But weylawey sane only goddes wille.
Dispitously hym slowh pe fiers Achille.

(259)

And whan pat he was slayn yn pis manere.
His lighte gost ful blysfully is went.
Vp to pe holwghnesse of pe seuenpe spere.
In conners letynge euery element.
And pere he saugh with ful auysement.
Th erratyk sterres herkenynge Armonye.
with sownes ful of heuenysh melodye.

(260)

And doun from pens faste he gan auyse. [Leaf 119, back]
This litel spot of erpe pat with pe se.
Enbraced is / and fully gan despise.
This wrecched world / and held al vanite.
To respect of pe pleyn felicite.
That is yn heuene aboue / and at pe laste.
Ther he was slayn / his lokyng doun he caste.
[Addit. 23,044 ends here.]

(261)

And yn hym self he lough right at pe wo.
Of hem pat wepten for his deth so faste.
And dampned al oure werk pat folweth so.
The blynde luste pe which may not laste.
And shuld al oure herte on heuene caste.
And forth he wente shortly for to telle.
Ther as Mercurye sorted hym to dwelle.

(258)

¶ The wrath as I bigan yow for to seye
Of Troilus / the grekes boughten deere
For thousandes his hondes maden dye
As he pat was with-outen any peere
Sane Ector in his tyme as I kan here
But walawey sane only goddes wille
Dispitously hym slough the fiers achille.

(259)

¶ And when pat he was slayn in pis manere
His ligh' gost' ful blisfully is wente
Vp to holughnesse of the seuenthe spere
In conuers letynge euerych elemente
and ther he saugh with ful avysemente
The erratyk sterres herkenynge armonye
With sownes ful of heuenyssh melodie

(260)

¶ And down from thennes faste he gan auyse
This litel spot of erth pat with pe se
Enbraced is and fully gan despice
This wreched world and holde al vanyte
To respect / of pe pleyne felicite
pat is in heuene aboue / and at pe laste
ther he slayn his lokynge down he caste

(261)

¶ And in hym self he lough right at pe wo
Of hem pat wepten for his deth so faste
And dampned al our werk pat folweth so
The blynde luste pe which pat may not laste
And sholden al oure herte on heuene caste
And forth he wente shortly for to telle.
per as mercurie sorted hym to dwelle

(262)

Swich fyn hath lo þis Troylus for loue. 1828
Swych fyn hath al his grete worþynesse.
Swich fyn hath his estat real aboue.
Swich fyn his lust / swich fyn hath his noblesse. 1831
Swych fyn hath false worldes brotelnesse.
And þus by-gan his louynge of Criseyde.
As I haue told / and yn þis wyse he deyde. 1834

(263)

O yonge fresshe folkes he or she. 1835
In which þat loue / vp groweth with youre age.
Repeyreth hom from worldly vanyte.
And of youre herte vp casteth þe visage. 1838
To thilke god þat after his ymage.
Yow made / and thynketh al nys but a fayre.
This world / þat passeth soone as floures fayre. 1841

(264)

And loueth hym þe which þat right for loue. 1842
Vpon a crois oure soules for to beye.
First starf / and ros / and sit yn heuene a-boue.
For he nyl falsen no wight dar I seye. 1845
That wole his herte al holly on hym leye.
And syn he best to loue is / and most meke.
what nedeth feyned loues for to seke. 1848

(265)

Lo here of Payens corsed olde vyces. [leaf 120] 1849
Lo here what alle hire goddes may auaylle.
Lo here þese wrecched worldes appetites.
Lo here þe fyn and guerdon for trauayle. 1852
Of Ioue / appollo / of mars / of swych rascaylle.
Lo here þe forme of olde clerkes speche.
In poetrie / yf [ye[1]] here bokes seche. [1 *hole in MS.*] 1855

(262)

¶ Swich fin hath lo this Troilus for loue 1828
Swich fyn hath al his grete worthynesse
Swich fyn hath his estat real aboue
Swich fyn his luste swich fyn hath his noblesse 1831
Swich fyn hath fals worldes brotelnesse
And thus bigan his louynge of Criseyde
As I haue tolde and in this wise he deyed 1834

(263)

¶ O ȝonge fresshe folkes he or she [leaf 98] 1835
In which þat loue vp groweth with ȝoure age
Repeireth hom fro wordly vanyte
And of ȝoure herte vp casteth þe visage 1838
To thilke god þat efter his ymage
Ȝow made / and thynketh al nys but a faire
þis worlde þat passeth soon as floure faire 1841

(264)

¶ And loueth hym þe which right for loue 1842
Vp on a crois oure soules for to beye
First starffe and roos and sitt in heuen above
For he nyl falsen no wight dar I seye 1845
þat wol his herte alle holly on hym leye
And syn he best to loue is and most meke
what nedeth feyned loues for to seke 1848

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Of Ioue appollo of mars of swich rescaille
Lo here þe forme of olde clerkes speche
In poetrie if ȝe hire bokes seche 1855

(266)

O moral Gower þis þoke I directe. 1856
To þe / and the Philosophical Strode,
To vouchen sauf / per nede is to correcte.
Of your benygnitees and ȝeles garde. 1859
And to þat sothfast Crist þat starf on rode.
With al myn herte of mercy euere I preye.
And þo lord right þus I speke and seye. 1862

(267)

Thou / -oon / and two / and þre / eterne on lyue. 1863
That regnest ay / yn thre / and two / and oon. [1. 1863-5 from Dante]
Vncircumscript and al mayst circumscryue.
Vs from visible and Inuysible foon. 1866
Defende / and to þi mercy eurychon.
So make vs *Iesus* for thi grace digne.
For loue of mayde and moder thyn benigne. Amen.

Explicit liber Troili et Criseide.

(266)

¶ O moral Gower this boke I directe 1856
To the / and þe philosophical strode
To vouchen sauf ther nede is to correcte
Of ȝoure benignites and ȝeles good 1859
And to þat sothfast cristе þat sterf on roode
With al myn herte of mercy euere I preye
And to þe lord right þus speke and seye 1862

(267)

¶ Thow oon and two and thre eterne on lyue 1863
That regnest ay in iij. and ij. and oon
Vncircumscript and al maist circumscrine
Vs from visible and invisible foon 1866
Defende / and to thi mercy euerichon
So mak vs *Iesus*[1] for thy mercy digne [1 MS. ilic]
For loue of maide and moder thyn benigne

Explicit liber Troili et Criseydis

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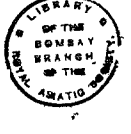

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